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FAMILIES OF OLD PISCATAWAY, & OF

MIDDLESEX COUNTY, N.J. AREAS (1775-1850)

((A PRELIMINARY STUDY OF DESCENDANTS OF # 5 DANIEL BRAY Sr

(youngest of 4 sons of #1 Baptist Rev. John Bray Sr. of)
(Monmouth County who died about C. 1716)
BORN 3-28-1716, Piscataway Will proved 5-17-1785, and
WIFE MISS _____ MARTIN))

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by
JAMES WILBUR CLAYTON, 29 Johnson Road, West Orange, N.J.,
(born 8-31-1905 at Silverton, Ocean County, N.J.)

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B:27 Bray-Runyon-Drake-Dayton-Tanner & Holton families of Old Piscataway, & of Middlesex County, N.J. areas (1775-1850) ((A preliminary study of descendants of #5 Daniel Bray Sr. ...))
West Orange, N.J. c1961,
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James Wilbur Clayton,
29 Johnson Road,
West Orange, N.J., 3/28/60

Copies of this are being sent to (to be sent to as a awaiting more local Central N.J. Data): The list is based on a 2/3/60 suggested beginning list by Harriet Scofield of The Western Reserve Historical Society, 10825 East Boulevard Cleveland 6, Ohio...

Congressional Library, Washington, D.C. /Dues $10. yr
N.J. Historical Society, 230. Broadway, Newark, N.J. (left Sidmore copy there 3/19/
Rutgers University Library, New Brunswick, N.J. c/o Donald A. Sinclair, Curator of
Genealogical Society of N.J., P.O. Box 203, Newark, N.J. (dues $5.00 yr)
Monmouth County Historical Society, Court Street, Freehold, N.J.
Newberry Library, Chicago, Ill.
Burton Historical Collection, Detroit Public Library, Detroit, Mich.
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" " City Public Library, 5th Ave. & 42nd St., N.Y. City, N.Y.
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Genealogical Society of the Church of the Latter Day Saints, Salt Lake City, Utah
Cinncinnatti Public Library, Cincinnatti, Ohio
Indiana State Library, Indianapolis, Indiana
Ohio State Library, Columbus, Ohio
Ohio State Historical Society Library, Columbus, Ohio

I see the above list doesn't have any West Coast names, or the South, and would appreciate suggestions for there; Boston also
Pennsylvania Historical Society, 1300 Locust St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Respectfully Yours,

James W. Clayton
James Wilbur Clayton
2/14/61

James Wilbur Clayton,
29 Johnson Road, West Orange, N.J.
February 14, 1961

Descendants of # 5 Daniel Bray 1716-1785
Preliminary Study of the BRAY-
RUNYON- DRAKE-DAYTON- TANNER-HOLTON
Families of Piscataway & Middlesex
County, N.J.

Ref. I had better send this data to Genealogical and Historical centers where the data may be of value to others in future days. This research had it's beginning in a matter concerning a 2 acre vacant land parcel down in the pinelands of the Old Monmouth County area, from which in 1850 the present Ocean County was set off, and in which the descendants of # 24 Rev. War Captain James Bray (C.1755 to 1792) and # 27 Anne Bray (Mrs. Rev. Reune) Runyon (C. 1743 to 1816) have indicated interests.

Unfortunately I did not always date the letter, so that a later letter will disclose that data sought has been found. I do not now have the time to prepare an index/; were I to stop for one I'd probably not get this off, so I'll simply outline the family to show where the different branches named in the MSS fit into the overall picture.

The ~~#~~ Bray numbers are from Stillwell's Miscellany of old Monmouth & Jersey families, at one time "the frontier". The Holton numbers are mine.

////// at Holmdel, west of Red Bank/

1 Baptist Rev. John Bray Sr died Circa 1716 in Monmouth County. By his 1st wife Susannah_____ he had #2 John Jr & Sr born 8-20-1694 died 2-5-1765 , and #3 James Bray Sr 10-24-1707/4/1758 ~~of~~ of Kingwood, Hunterdon County will proved May 1758 who was the father of # 12 General Daniel Bray 10-12-1751 Rosemont Cem. 12-5-1819 of children # 40 to 52 incl
2 John Bray of Middletown, N.J. married Elizabeth Bowne & had Chn 6-10
#3 James Bray married Twice, 2nd Elizabeth_____; had chn #11 James to #16;
1 Rev. John Bray , in Monmouth by 1684, by his 2nd wife Anna Seabrook (Mrs Andrew) Bowne had chn #4 Andrew Bray born 7-1-1713 killed by lightning & Kingwood will proved 7-29-1789 married ~~2nd~~ Sarah Stout & ~~2nd~~ 1st Margaret Watson; # 4 Andrew had chn 17-#22 incl., his Bro. #5 Daniel Jr had chn 23-27

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IT IS THE DESCEND-nts of this # 5 Daniel Bray (the youngest son of #1 Rev. John Bray) that I am concerned with; and then only of his childre # 24 Rev. War Captain James, and #27 Anne Bray (Mrs. Rev. Reune) Runyon, as shown within.

5 Daniel Bray born 3-28-1716 died C. 1778, will, of Piscataway, near & NE of New Brunswick, Middlesex County, N.J., was proved 3-17-1785. He married 1st _____ Martin, & had children #23 to # 27 named or referred to in his will
23 was a daughter_____ that married Mr_____ West and had a son Joseph West named in the 1785 will of #5 Daniel Bray Sr.

853bray # 24 was James ~~[illegible]~~ who per Stillwell married by 10-3-1771 ~~[illegible]~~
874 license to Mary Fitz Randolph, he of Morris County, she of Mdx. However, this Rev. War Capt. James #24 definitely married (perhaps as a 2nd wife) on 7-29-1779 Mary Ginnis at German Evangelical Lutheran Cong. of St. Michael & Zion Church in Phila. Pages 5 thru 11 of this MSS will give more details of it.

This Rev. War #24 Captain James of Lamb's Artillery had more that one child by Mary Ginnis Bray(Mrs Gilbert) Blythe's pension application, but only #___ John Bray (I call him 2nd) to distinguish him from his Uncle #25 Judge John Bray) is presently known of. # 24 Capt James Bray died in 1792 & Mary Ginnis Bray remarried Gilbert Blythe who died 1799.

The only child known of #24 Capt. James Bray C.? 1755 -1792 & Mary Ginnis Bray (C. 1760, alive with son John, a grocer, at 7-21-1848 at S.W. Corner of Coa (Coates?) & Lawrence Sts (now Fairmount) in District of Spring Garden, Phila ~~[illegible]~~ was their son John~~II~~ John Bray ~~[illegible]~~ II(2nd) was the principal residuary legatee of his uncle # 25 Judge John Bray who died at New Brunswick April-May 1834.

John Bray II born C. 1785, died 5-5-1855 at Spring Garden Dist, Phila. He Married Sylvia_____(born C. 1792) in 1810, presumably at New Brunswick as he bought a house from his Uncle's #25 Judge John Bray's 1834 estate, sold it at a later date, much subsequent to his first appearance as a grocer at the
14/19 S.W. corner of ~~[illegible]~~ Franklin & Coats per 1840 to 1850 Phila.
bray City Directories. Missed him there in 1850 Spring Garden census tho.

John & Sylvia Bray II's children are as shown on page # 9. They were of Phila. in 1855 but I've failed to contact anyone of their descendants, and I'd like to.

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#25 Rev. War ~~[illegible]~~ & Judge John Bray had no chn. His 1st wife was
278 Rachel_____. His 2nd was Ellenor Tunison (her bro Wm. Tunison per her Bound
bray Brook, Somerset Will proved 9-24-1875) who remarried Col. Daniel Kinchelloe.
#26 Daniel Bray Jr named by Stillwell but no more known of him by me. Martin
#27 Anne Bray is the youngest child of #5 Daniel Bray Sr 1716-1785& Miss Mar
She was born C. 1743, married 6-8-1765 license died 7-11-1816. The will
her husband # 27 Rev. Reune Runyon Jr & Sr(died 11-21-1811 in 71st year", both buried St. James Church, Piscataway, N.J.) in his will named their 7 children (son Vincent died shortly he made his(Reune's) will on 10-21-1811),

The children of # 27 Anne Bray (Mrs. Rev. Reune Jr & Sr) Runyon are as shown on the next page 4,in the 8/4/1959 letter to the St. James Episcopal Church(Piscataway), Edison Twp.,; The church controls the building only; the cemetery surrounding it is under care of the Baptists, whose main church is now at Stelton, where many ancient graves & stones are,published in our N.J. Genealogical Magazine of about 1939 as I recall without notes.

Refer to page 4; as I do not wish to add any notes to the ditto master of it, I'll add a few comments here,on the 7 children of # 27 Anne Bray (Mrs. Rev. Reune) Runyon; all these are possibly heirs to any residuary estate of John Bray # 25 Judge John Bray their uncle who died 1834, and of which a 2 acre vacant land in which they may have an interest stated this research.

Daniel B (Bray?) Runyon of Middlesex County Surrogate Court Case #18174, letters of 11-5-1842 to Joseph & Reune Runyon (who were they?)- per later data he married # 232 SARAH HOLTON, (see pg 16 for her), brother of # 231 JOHN HOLTON (bro & sister RUNYON's married sister & Brother HOLTON's), a child of # 131 Joseph Holton Sr & wife RHODA_____ (see pg 16) per deeds partitioning his lands, among his children #231 to 2[illegible] incl per pg. 16 Of this branch I did most work in trying to locate Holton heirs, they moved to the Batavia, N.Y. area, and then scattered out westward as the MSS discloses.

MATILDA RUNYON (Mrs. James SR) TANNER ;
She is shown in the 1835-36 Newark Directories page 85, as Widow,237 Plane(St)
1836-37 " " page 144(Pierson's)Widow,seamstress,192 Washington
1837-8-39 pgs 188 & 106 as Widow,seamstress,26 Orchard(St) (1839-40 one not see and in the 1837-38 Directory Margaret LaMessena ,Widow(of Peter per 1846-7 one is next door to her at 28 Orchard, as is Andrew LeMassena who in addition has "Lemassena, Ward & Co., Sash & Blind Mfr,rear 111 Market"

Prior to this from 1835-6-1837 Margaret Lemassena,widow (mother?), and Mary Ann Lemassena (daughter?),dressmaker, were both of 169 Mulberry, also given as the add ess of Andrew Lemassena.

((I mention this as the Lemassena's knew Cornelia Tanner (Mrs. David) Bolton was related to the Lemas ena's but weren't sure of the conn ction. I not suspect that Matilda Tanner's son Joseph Tanner married this Mary Ann Lemassena, for da as follows))

In 1840-41 directory,pg 119,Joseph Tanner,Turner,4 Balls Court, appears for the first time, and his mother is with him there as"Matilda Tanner,Widow of JAMES, 4 Balls Court.

In 1840-1842 and all way thru 1844-1845 they are continuously at 26 Orchard St.,but he is in 1844-1845 directory shown as "SEGAR MAKER", thereafter both Tanners are gone.

In 1842-43 Widow Margaret Lemassena is at 28 Orchard,but 1843-44 she shows a Widow,agent,108 ½ Broad, tho Andrew is at 28 Orchard yet.

In 1844-45 Mary Ann Lemassena, agent for A J. Soria 108½ Broad, appears again, & with her (Mother?) at 108½ Broad, tho Andrew Lemassena still of 28 Orchard is also shown as Land Agent ,281 Broad St.

In 1845-1845 the Tanners are absent from the Directory(& from the on), and so is Mary Ann Lemassena, so I suspect that she & Joseph Tanner were married about that time, tho Margaret,widow of PETER, Lemassena, is back at 28 Orchard with Andrew Lemassena. From the on to 1851 Andrew Lemassena is at 28 Orchard,but H Margaret,widow of Peter, is at 96 Elm.

1185 The next data o the Tanner's is from the 1860 Census of Plainfield Twp., Uni census on County census, where family #289 gives "Joseph Tanner, age 41,Cigarmaker, ,born CO.[illegible]" (so born C. 1819) and " Matilda Tanner,age 76,born N.J." so born C. 1784 - enumerated 7-24-1860; Other Tanner data is in detail in the MSS

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Isabel or Isabella Bray (Mrs. #231 John) Holton died 9-28-1858 at Attica, Wyoming County,N.Y. (see pg 16) per data gotten by Charles J.Denzer. This family spread from the Finger Lakes region of N.Y. on to the West. If any of their descendants read this, I'd like to hear from you,as I can give other data gotten by correspondence that may help y u. I was born at Silverton,N.J. (Toms River) 8-31-1905; after the Peleliu Invasion(USS LST 224) & before we made the Iwo Jima one, I make my will (Kamikazes concern) leaving my genealogical data to the Monmouth County Historical Society,Court St.,Freehold, N.J. If any of those that read this have hard dug up family research MSS data,provide while you are still in the land of the living to leave it with some Geneadogical or Historical Society. Much data you have gathered from the "Old Timers" will go with you, and before too long we will be the "Old Timers".

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Vincent Runyon's inventory sworn to 12-7-1811, same date as proving of the will of his father Reune Runyon, per N.J.Archives, Vol 42 ,wills 1810-1813. Father Rev.Reune Runyon names the children of Vincent,dec'd, as George; Mary ; Elizabeth; Esther,to get £500. toward their education.

James Wilour Clayton.
29 Johnson Road.
West Orange, N.J.,
August 4, 1959

Rector,
St. James Episcopal Church,
Woodbridge Ave.,
Edison Township,
Piscataway, N.J.

Dear Sir:

I am a member of the N.J. Genealogical Society and interested in the preservation of cemetery records, etc., but last Thursday 7/30/59 I was in on your churchyard on a personal visit involving title to some property and came across the

Rev'd REUNE RUNYON
DIED Nov. 1, 1811
aged 71, so born about 1740.

Beside him was a stone, nearly all flaked off, presumably his wife Ann (Bray) mentioned in the New Jersey Archives, Volume 41, page 321 of 1810 to 1813 will and administration cases on file at Trenton.

I am interested in this Ann Bray Runyon's children.

I am interested in knowing if your church ever took a "census" of the tombstone inscriptions a good while ago, and if so where they may be found so as to determine the date of death of the Rev. Reune Runyon's wife Ann.

In his will dated October 21, 1811, proved December 7, 1811, he names (is data I know from elsewhere) himself as of Piscataway, Middlesex County;

Names wife Ann (the presumption is that she outlived him; on my Cemetery Notes page 73 I see I wrote the little remaining from (her?) stone and the third line began Re------ which is probably Relict. (I copied several old stone faces that appeared in danger of early flaking off, to preserve them lest your church, or the "Tombstone Hounds" of the N.J. Genealogical Society never have copied your churchyards tombstone inscriptions. (I used to be on them a long time ago, before ~~the~~ my 3 youngsters came). It may be that among my retained copies of the Genealogical Bulletin your cemetery records may be printed. to continue...

Names DAUGHTER NANCY (Mrs. George Sr) Drake (alive 8-14-1835 her Mdx will F/551 dated 6-15-1838 proved 2-17-1860 her husband's will O/516 dated 5-20-1828 proved 12-4-1832

Names DAUGHTER RACHEL (Mrs. Jonathan) DAYTON (letters of Admrs granted 8-17-1849, Mdx case #6323 are apparently hers; her husband's will D/115 dated 11-13-1835 proved 1-23-1836)

Names SON REUNE B (Bray?) RUNYON (apparently Mdx case #1817 letters of admrs granted . Of his wife, apparently Hannah, I have no trace.

Names SON DANIEL B(ray) RUNYON (probably Mdx case #18174, letters of 11-5-1842. I have no idea if he was ever married. His admrs were Joseph R. Rune Runyon)

Names DAUGHTER RACHEL (Mrs. ?) ~~Runyon~~ Tanner (Her Union will A/571 dated 6-3-1853 proved 5-20-1863 1863 Union Case #464)

Names DAUGHTER ISABEL HOLTON (married John Holton. Moved out of state

Ann Bray (Mrs. Rev. Reune) Runyon had a brother John Bray who died 1 34 childless. Also a brother James who had a son named John Bray. In Phila., in 1850. I think their fathers name was Daniel, per N.J. Archives data.

Do any of the Rev. Reune Runyon's descendants ever write you? If so I appreciate their address.

Thanking you for any favors, I remain, James W. Clayton

James Wilbur Clayton,
29 Johnson Road & Eagle Rock Ave.,
West Orange, N.J.

...ters of The American Revolution,
...ington, D.C.

...Ladies:

I'm writing to ask if you will please let me know if any descendants of Captain James Bray, of New Jersey (& Pa.) & the Continental Line. belong or have belonged to your Association; As I'm interested in completing data ...lacking data on, the descendants of his father, Daniel Bray "of ...Township, Middlesex County, N.J." in his will dated May 19,1778 ...March 17,1785. The names of present, or past descendants of him, their address of the time, may be the best way to fill in missing data. I'll send this in on a ditto letter as I wish to make copies of it to ...others, and to make certain that it will be easier for parties in the ...to find this information than it is for me.

Respectfully yours,

James Wilbur Clayton

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THE DESCENDANTS OF DANIEL BRAY AND WIFE
"Of Piscataway Township, Middlesex County, N.J.,"

Per will dated 5-19-1778 Proved 3-17-1785 (Liber 37 Pg 328 & ...Archives Vol.35 Pg 57) he names his sons John and James Bray, son in law Reune Runyon, and grandsons Daniel Runyon & Joseph West.

...John Bray died about April 28,1834, as his will (Middlesex County, N.J. "...New Brunswick, N.J." dated 1-10-1834 had a codicil dated 4-28-1834 and ...May 8,1834. In it he made as one of over half a dozen residuary ...legatees " John Bray, son of my brother James". John Bray (1st) married ... (alive 7-2-1819 per Mdx.deed 17/84 when they signed together, ...only dead at 5-1-1825 per Mdx.deed 19/103 when John signs alone); he ...Kimmy remarried between Mdx. deed23/278 dated 4-6-1831 when he still ...alone, and deed 26/494 dated 12-26-1832 when he signed with 2nd ...Allen. She remarried, about the year 18 (I write this at ...Holhemus Road, Silverton, Ocean County, N.J. & find I don't have some ...available) Mr. Kinchelloe ; In her Somerset County Will ...original MSS 4777R she signs " Eleanor Kinchelloe of Bound Brook" ...9-27-1866 Proved 9-24-1875. There were no children of this John Bray ...of 1778 Daniel Bray;

...list here data on the second son, Captain James Bray who had a ...(and apparently other at present unknown children): Per data known at ... Captain James Bray was born about 1755 or earlier (Mary _____ ...born 1760), he was "an officer of the staff in the early part of ...war,...engaged in battle of Bunker Hill & was in the hospital in con-...sequence of the cannonading & exposures...later on 1-1-1778 was made Con-...ductor of Wagons..He married on July 29,1779 Mary _____ born 1760, ...(apparently in N.J.) and died in 1792 at buried at ...Bray _____ his wife was born 1760 (she age 84, of Phila, Pa. per 10-...Phila, affidavit, witnessed by John Bray (her son). She related in ...above , and "her first child was born in October 1780 while her ...husband was out in the service" (unnamed); husband died 1792, afterward Mar-...Gilbert BLYTHE who died 1799, since then a widow.

Sylvia Bray, wife of her son John, in an affidavit of 7-21-1848, age 56 ...1792), of Phila, Pa., said she married John, son of said Mrs. Mary Bray ...in 1810, and verifies family knowledge of Capt. James' service; I'm ...for more data on this John & Sylvia _____ Bray & their children. They ...grocery at S.W. Corner of Franklin & Coats St., Phila from 1836 to 1850 ...The third named child of Daniel Bray of 1778 will, Anna Bray, born 17... 1743, married 1765 (Rev. Reune Runyon Jr), died 7-11-1816 "in 73rd year". They are buried 150 feet East of St. James Church on Woodbridge Ave., Piscataway, Mdx.Co., N.J. I carefully checked his tombstone 10/23/59 and it reads ...Rep (hers "AN" but little left, only through Donald A. Sinclair of our ...Genealogical Society have I her data) "Sacred/ to the memory of/ the ...Reune Runyon/ who died Nov/ 21, at 1811 in the 71st yr of his age. So ...than 1740 (others born Nov. 29,1741) his will "Of Piscataway dated 10-21-...Proved 12-7-1811, names wife Ann and 7 children; Nancy Drake; Rachel ...Runyon; Reune B. ; Daniel (known elsewhere as Daniel Bray Ru;); Isabel Nelson ...Tanner next; Isabella Holton; and son Vincent deceased with 4 children ...named; this Vincent Is October 15,1811 inventory case #10,317L at Trenton ...original Mss files;

I'll close- I'm interested in the children of the above Captain James Bray & wife Mary _____ Bray (Mrs. Gilbert) Blythe born 1760 to after 1848, and will appreciate any data on her, her children, and one known child John & wife Sylvia _____ Bray; As Sylvia born 1792, married 1810; and Mary Bray's "FIRST CHILD" born Oct. 1780", her husband JOHN BRAY (2nd) is possibly a second, third? or later child? Any data you can send me will be appreciated very much. Respectfully Yours,

James Wilbur Clayton

James Wilbur Clayton,
29 Johnson Road, West Orange, N.J.

The National Archives,
Revolutionary War Section,
Washington, D.C.

re: Mary _____ (Mrs. James? Bray)(Mrs. _____) Blythe believed remarried widow of Rev. War Officer James Bray Captain & Conductor of Team Brigade, Quartermaster General's Dept.

Gentlemen:

I am writing to ask if you will please send me data on Mary Blythe, at August 17 1836 "residing at the South West corner of Franklin and Coates Sts., Philadelphia, Pa", who was then awaiting the receipt of an award of $7,412.00 due from March 4, 1831, at $156.00 per year, for "Services rendered by" her former (1st?) husband; James ? Bray) honored in the Revolution"as a conductor of wagons in the Army of the U.S."

1__ 2. I have just called the N.J. Historical Society, 230 Broadway, Newark, N.J., 201 3-3826, and their librarian informs me that William Stryker's 1872 " Jerseymen in the Revolutionary War", shows Andrew; Daniel ; James , page 124 ; James page 867 ; John ; and William serv. Their librarian continued that the James Bray of page 124 was of Captain Anderson's Co., 3rd Regt., and 1st Regt. Gen. James Bray of page 867 was permitted as " James Bray(or Brey) Captain and Conductor of Team Brigade, Quartermaster General's Dept."

This latter would apparently be the most likely " former husband" of Mary Blythe as per data in paragraph 1 above, and ¶ 8 below, where she named John Bray as her son. I trust that her pension application, or claim, will be found in the file of the above James Bray.

3. I'm interested in data on this Mary (Bray) Blythe and her son John Bray, that will give me the name and place of birth, ancestry, death, and a record of her, her husband(s), her children, and when they married. This to permit me to get an touch with her living for I'm writing in connection with checking and buying title to vacant woodland in New Jersey in which a friend Charles J. Clemens and myself are interested, and in which her descendants once had, and still may have, a part interest.

4. I'll send along extra ditto copies of this of this letter, to permit leaving copies of this inquiry in his or her files, so that any future family researcher can get in touch with and permit exchange of information. Similarly, if copies or references to previous inquiries are found in their files, I would appreciate the name and address of the inquirers to permit correspondence with them. When I first looked at your files in Washington, D.C. a good while ago, (on other families, principally Clayton), some, the original N.S. files were copies of such inquiries, and with whom I corresponded and exchanged data on forward to all concerned. That data, and much more, now resides in numerous form in either the Congressional Library, or other Genealogical or Historical central points.

5. On a recent trip to the Philadelphia County (Pa) Clerk's Office, Pa., Penna. copied from Philadelphia County Deed Book "AWX 80 page 72 " dated 6-17-1848, proved 6-19-1848, from Mary Blythe (above) to her son John Bray. In addition to the data in paragraph 1 at top, this deed "AWX 80 page 72" shows that by it she is transferring 1/2 of her interest in the above $7,412.00 pension claim (award?) to "her" son John Bray in consideration of my support by my son John Bray for upwards of 20 years" (indicating a widow for that date) and reciting that 1/2 of the pension award ye claim was payable to alternate Mary ? or John Bray) of Washington, D.C. (presumably a lawyer, etc., who handled her pension claim and on a contingent basis).

6. Black check ¶ 444 " for not over $10.00" is enclosed to cover the charges for this and to expedite a reply. I forget how the charges went on the last item I sent in for, but they vary with the individual matter I presume.

I am, Respectfully Yours, James W. Clayton

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7. I will add here collected data about the Bray family, for the benefit of descendants that may be, or can be, interested in their family. (until quite long ago)

8. In Volume 35, page 37 of the N.J. Archives (Vol. 6 of abstracts of original wills and administration papers filed at Trenton, with early of Somerset years 1787-1796) Trenton file ¶ 8715 L, Book 37 of wills, pg 38, the will of Daniel Bray "of Piscataway Twp., Middlesex County, N.J.," is dated 5-19-1788 (1778), proved 5-19-1795, names his sons James (Captain of Wagons?)(whose remarried widow is Mary Blythe?); " " " John (Daniel) and Eliez _____ remarried of New Brunswick, N.J., May 1834 will, 1st wife Rachel _____, 2nd Eliez _____ remarried Elizabeth) named his son in law (new.) Reeve (probable on illegible E) Runyon, grandsons (11-28-1741 (1740) Piscataway Com 11-1-1811 age 71" per gravestone) and named grandsons Joseph West and Daniel Runyon. Witnesses were Andrew & Thomas Bray, & John Cumins.

9. Per Vol. 41 pg 321 of NJ Archives (Vol. 12 of Wills, 1810-1813 yr) (Rev) Reuse Runyon (Jr)((son of Reuse Runyon & Rachel Drake per wills dated 10-21-1811, proved 12-7-1811, Piscataway, N.J.)) "of Piscataway, Mdx. Co" per his will, dated 10-21-1811, proved 12-7-1811, names his wife, Ann (Bray) Runyon; 6 living & 1 deceased child, Vincent, to whose children George : Mary : Elizabeth : & Esther he left $ 500 pounds for their education.

Rev. Reuse Runyon " Died Nov. 1, 1811 age 71 yrs" per tombstone in Baptist Churchyard on Woodbridge Ave., Piscataway Twp. Named his children as Nancy Drake; Rachel Dayton; Reuse & Daniel (Bray); Matilda Tanner; Isabella Holton; Vincent deceased. Inventory 10-15-1811.

11. John Bray of New Brunswick, Trenton Wills File #116731, in will dated 1-10-1834, proved 7-8-1834, names wife (2nd) Allen (Rachel was 1st); residuary estate would be 3/8ths among the descendants of above Mary(Bray?) Blythe if she his sister in law; 5/8ths among named children of his deceased sister Ann (Bray) Runyon. Any data you may be able to send in about Mary Blythe & her son (any other chn?) John Bray will be appreciated.

Respectfully,
James W. Clayton

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Descendants of Daniel 5 Bray & miss Martin; son of Rev. John (1) died C. 1716

James Wilbur Clayton,
29 Johnson Road, West Orange, N.J. 12/15

Greetings of the Season:
Methodist Episcopal Church,
Corner of 8th & Noble St., Phila, Pa (in 1848)
and The German Evangelical Lutheran Congregation of
St. Michael & Zion in the City of Philadelphia (in 1779)

#24 of Stillwell Vol 3 Bray Family

I am engaged in a search for the descendants of Captain James Bray, an Ammunition Wagon Master in Capt. Lamb's Artillery, Rev. War. My search comes to you because on July 29, 1779 the above James Bray and Mary Ginnis were married at the above German Evangelical Church, per a certification dated Nov. 26, 1844 by it's then Pastor Charles R.(?) Demme'(found in pension app. file W 3176 of Mary (Ginnis (Mrs Capt. James Bray)) Blythe at Wash., D.C.

Also, per a 7/21/1848 certification of the Pastor Pennell Coombe of the "Eighth Street M.E. Church, "Corner of 8th & Noble St.", .." Mrs Sylvia Bray of the City of Phila. has been for a number of years a member of the M.E. Church in this City, and is at present a member of the Eighth St. M.E. Church, corner of 8th &c.

I write this in the hope that the records of your churches may still be in existence, or preserved, or copied and published, so that any records of the marriage, baptisms, deaths, etc. of their families may be found. If not, where were their cemeteries, and are they still in existence, or if not have the Genealogical Societies about Phila. copied & published the cemetery stone inscriptions as we do over here in N.J. (I'm a member of N.J. Gen. Soc. but haven't been on an official Tombstone copying trip with their Tombstone Hounds since entering the Navy 7/3/43). (I born 8/31/05, Chief, Munic. Acct for Town, Civil Servi

#24 Captain James Bray's birthdate not known, before 1755 certainly, (his wife Mary Ginnis born 1760, married 7-29-1779 when she 19 and since he a Capt. he probably several years older; Stilwell's Vol. 3 has him "".. #24 James Bray of Morris County by 10-3-1771 license married Mary Fitz Randolph of Middlesex.

Mary Ginnis may be a 2nd wife? Otherwise Stillwell may have erred in his research, for his Vol. 3 (pg 113 area) lengthy Bray family data while covering the first 3 children of #1 Rev. John Bray who died C. 1716 (#2 John 8-20-1694 of Middletown, Mon. Co. will proved 7-2-1765; #3 James 10-24-1707 Hunterdon will proved 5-5-1758; #4 Andrew 7-1-1713 Freehold, will proved 7-29-1789)) did not have the data detail on #5 Daniel Bray 3-2-1716 died C. will, of Piscataway, Mdx. Co, proved 3-17-1785 per Vol 35 pg 57 of N.J. Archives. These NJArchives contain abstracts of the original wills & admrns filed at Trenton, are published to 1817. Cost $5.—at N.J. Historical Society, 230 Broadway, Newark, N.J.

#24 Captain James Bray died _____1792; his widow remarried Gilbert Blythe who died 1799. James & Mary's first child was born "Oct. 1780" but name not known. Her only known child is John born about 1784 or 1785 ".. was 7 or 8 when his father died..". This John (2nd to distinguish from his Uncle Judge John Bray of New Bruns. whose will proved May 1834) 2nd Bray married Sylvia ~~born~~ in 1810 at (New Brunswick?), she born 1792 as ".. age 56" in 7-21-1848 affidavit in pension file W 3176. I do not know if they had any family.

63 From infrequent trips to Phila. this is known: By mortgage SHF3 pg 78 on reel 67, dated 10-4-1836 "John Bray, Grocer, of Phila" gives mtg to George Crock for $1000. on the .." Brick messuage or tenement & lot situate on the S.W. Corner of Coats & Lawrence St., in the District of Spring Garden"-being same prem
66 ises conveyed to said John Bray by Jeremiah B. & Margaret Kern by deed SHF8 pg 200 dated 5-15-1836 to "John Bray of the City of Phila, Grocer". I have not
59 found in the wills or admrns in Phila. any I can identify as John or Sylvia Bray or can connect to. Mary Blythe alive 8/17/1848 as Charles J. Denzer found a Phila. deed (AWM 80 pg 72 recorded 8-19-1848) by which she left ½ of her back pension award of $7,412. to her son John Bray" in consideration of my support by my son John Bray for upward of 20 years.". I still have to look for a Mary Blythe will; Denzer never found where John Bray sold or transferred the (avg 20 X 60) premises at the S.W. Corner of Coates & LawrenceSt, so it may be in order to stop in at the Phila. Assessors & find out if the family
64 still owns it, etc. By Mortgage RLL 18 pg 83 dated 3-29-1845 #"John Bray of Dist. of Spring Garden gives $500. mtg to Wm. W. Perrine on this same" S.W. corner of Coates & Lawrence now called Franklin Street" premises.

~~13&17~~ Charles J. Denzer & myself checked 1850 census of Spring Garden on microfi
21 film at the Phila. Historical Society at 1300 Locust, but failed to find John & Sylvia Bray (could have missed, some pages not too distinct) in the census.

13&17 Per McElroys Phila. Directories seen at the Public Library at 19th St & Benj. Franklin Blvd. John Bray was listed from ~~the~~ 1840 to 1855 as "John Bray,
16 Grocer, S.W. Corner Franklin & Coates" (Coates now Fairmount Ave?). Where he or Sylvia or Mary Blythe were after the above dates is not now known.

Any help you may supply will be appreciated. I see I should get a Phila. Tel. directory to help out on church locations, any out of date one will do. If any charge for looking up above data, let me know first the cost, lest it be a costly "blank check". I'll make this on ditto to permit sending or having
853 copies for persons interested. Per Stillwell Vol. 3, pg 113&c the Chn. of #5 Daniel Bray of above 1785 will were #23 Mrs. West; #24 James above; #25 (Judge) John; Rachel (Ellen Tunison); #26 Daniel; #27 Anna (Mrs REv. Reune) Runyon 1743/7-11-18 1816 buried Piscataway, 2 miles N.E. of New Brunswick, N.J.

James Wilbur Clayton,
Descendants of Capt. James #24 Bray (C.? 1755 to 1792) & Mary Ginnis (Gilbert Blythe); son of Daniel #5 Bray (& Miss Martin) born 3-28-1716 will
dated 5-19-1778 proved Piscataway, Mdx. County, N.J. 3-17-1785; son of Bap-
853 tist Rev. John #1 Bray born died about 1716 & 2nd wife
Anna Seabrook (Mrs. Andrew) Bowne Sr , per pgs 109-124 John H. Stillwell Vol 3

James Wilbur Clayton, 29 Johnson Road,
West Orange, N.J. January 10, 1960

Dear Folks:

As you can see by the enclosed I'm searching for the descendants of Rev. War Captain James Bray (1755? to 1792) & his wife Mary Ginnis (1760 to after 8-17-1848 per Phila., Pa. deed AWM 80 Pg 72 recorded 8-19-1848).

Since sending out the enclosed letter the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, at 1300 Locust St., Phila., inform me in a 12/21/1959 letter that they are the custodians of the records of St. Michael & Zion Church and that same are available for reference from 1 P.M. thru 9 P.M. Mondays and 9A.M. to 5 P.M. Tuesdays thru Fridays. It will probably be some time before I get a chance to examine those records, on the chance they may disclose birth or baptism records of children of Capt. #24 James & Mary Ginnis Bray, as well as death or other record, and may show where the cemetery is in which they are buried, etc.

The only child previously known by name (of Captain James # 24 & Mary Ginnis) was John Bray (let's call him 2nd, to distinguish from his Uncle #25 Judge John Bray of New Brunswick, N.J. of May 1834 proved will) 2nd born about 1784 or 1785 ("was 7 or 8 when his father died"), and alive in 1848, and in
18b the McElroy Phila. Directories of 1840 to 1855 shown as " Grocer, S.W. Corner
13b Franklin & Coats" in the Spring Garden District of the County of Phila.

The wife of this John Bray 2nd was Sylvia _____? born 1792 per pension file # W 3176 of her mother in law Mrs. Mary Ginnis (Capt James Bray, 2nd Gilbert) Blythe at Washington, D.C. All were alive 1848 when
511 per Philadelphia, Pa. deed Book AWM 80 Pg 72 ".. Mary Blythe, widow, of the County of Philadelphia, RESIDING AT THE S. W. CORNER OF FRANKLIN AND COATS (1959 called Fairmount)) STS. WITH HER SON JOHN BRAY OF THE SAME." As the enclosed 12/19/1959 letter shows, Sylvia Bray was per a July 21, 1848 affidavit ".. A member of the Eighth St. M.E. Church at the corner of 8th & Noble St.....

In a search of the 1850 census of all of Spring Garden District of Phila. the family of John & Sylvia _____ Bray, and Mary Blythe if still alive, was apparently missed.. By that time their children (they married 1810 per W3176) would probably have grown up & possibly left home. There was no will or administration case seen for them either, from 1848 on, although at that time the name of Mary Ginnis Bray (Mrs. Gilbert) Blythe was not known. It might possibly be that they did not reside in 1850 in the Spring Garden District, altho Mary Blythe was there in 1848, "residing AT THE S.W. CORNER OF FRANKLIN & COATS STS. WITH HER SON JOHN BRAY..."

However, through the kindness of JOHN F. McCULLEN, Executive Director of the Board of Revision of Taxes (for the City of Phila.), I'm informed that they show this premises at the S.W. Corner of Fairmount & Franklin as Block 5 N 12 Lot 86 , and that it was transferred by JAMES H. BRAY , administrator of the Estate of JOHN BRAY, to Francis M. Wood , date of 5/14/1858. This data is of great value, for it indicates that JOHN BRAY though in the 1855 McElroy Phila. Directory died between then & May 14, 1858 and a closer scrutiny of the deed Grantor (Seller) indexes will be made then, to find out where John Bray was residing at death (Maybe in an adjoining County, even out of state, for the California Gold Rush days were then, etc.) and other data of his family, etc. Administrator indicates no will, so a closer look at the administration books will be made, and the indexes reate file it is hoped will cast light on any brothers & sisters of John Bray 2nd, for he had an unknown brother or sister at least..." first child (of James & Mary Ginnis Bray) was born " Oct. 17 0 "..

The now unplaced records of the " Eighth St. M.E. Church at the corner of 8th and Noble St.."..., if locatable, may help out in tracing the death date and place of burial of Mary Ginnis (Mrs James Bray) (Mrs. Gilbert) Blythe, and her son John, and her daughter in law Sylvia _____ Bray. If the date can be pinpointed, it is said that the Pennsylvania Historical Society has a copy of every newspaper printed in the City of Philadelphia, and data may be found in a paper of the day.

Of course, the place of burial may be out of existence now, but if any of you know any list of the tombstones of the cemetery (if any) of the above 8th St. MEE. church, or of the 1779 " German Evangelical Lutheran Congregation of St. Michael & Zion in the City of Phila. " please let me know. If still in existence, please let me know the Street intersection location & I'll try & visit the cemeteries when opportunity permits. In N.J. the Genealogical Society of N.J. (to which I belong) copies such data lest it be lo
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Any help to locate this family will be appreciated. Thanks a lot.

James Wilbur Clayton,
29 Johnson Road,
West Orange, N.J.,
March 4th 1960

Judge of The Orphan's Court,
City Hall,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Re: Surrogate Court records of John Bray born circa 1755 "7 or 8 when father married to Sylvia_____ in 1770 per her 1848 affidavit (she born c.1772 "age 56 in 7-21-1848 Phila. died May 5, 1855 per Phila deed Mr ADB book #17 page 426 by his admr.

21 Bray

Dear Judge:

I am seeking with Charles J. Denzer of 95 Bayview Road, Silverton, Toms River, Ocean County, N.J., the descendants of the above John Bray (c. 1755 died 5-5-1855) who was a grocer located at the South West corner of Coats & Franklin St (formerly Lawrence), Spring Garden District, Phila per 1840 to 1855 Philadelphia, Pa., directories, seen at your Phila. Library.

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He was the son of ~~James Bray~~ Rev. War Captain James Bray (c. 1725 died 1792) & Mary Dennis (1760 alive & with son at 8-17-1848 when she ~~[illegible]~~ deeds him 1/2 her Rev. War pension claim award by dead ABM 80 Page 72 date 1855) who married next Gilbert Blythe who died 1799 per data in her Rev. War pension file # W3176 in the National Archives Files at Washington, D.C., about which more is shown in the enclosed letter copies.

We have spent a considerable amount of time in Philadelphia searching your deeds and Court records, as well as Census records of 1850 Spring Garden District. We have not been able to date to locate in your indexes or Court file jackets (which contain the original MSS) the records in which administration of his estate is asked for, and as a result of information

5 Bray

gotten yesterday (Wed. March 2, 1960) by Mr. Denzer (there from 9 to 4 closing) it appears that records including those 1855 to 1855, now located on your 9th floor (?) are awaiting a destruction order from you before being destroyed.

These records were arranged by a WPA project once, but since that date some of the storage shelves have given away, and the years are jumbled together because of lack of help to rearrange them.

In New Jersey we would value these records, and if you are to OK. their destruction, would it be in order to see if the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, at 1300 Locust St., your City, might be able to suggest a better fate for these century old records. I'm a member of the Genealogical Society of N.J.; The N.J. Historical Society, etc.; and I know that (per a 10/28/1959 letter from your John B. McCann, Registrar of Vital Statistics), that "the Vital Statistics Act providing for the registration ~~[illegible]~~ of births & deaths occurring in Phila., became effective on July 1, 1860 and there are no listings available prior to this date".

6 Bray

We now know (per data gotten in Phila. on Monday 2/15/1960) by Mr. Denzer) that by Phila. deed ADB book 17 page 426 dated 5-14-1858, recorded 5-24-1858, James H.____ Bray, son & administrator of the above JOHN BRAY conveyed the above premises at the S.W. Corner of Coats & Franklin (formerly Lawrence, now Fairmount in 1960) to" Francis H. Wood, bookseller of Phila." and that per that deed and Orphan Court book~~s~~ (?) 46 pages 602 and 670, that the children of the above James Bray are given as (but no addresses to guide one in a future hunt): ///Born at lived at died at married to

John W.____ Bray
James H. Bray (? of Allen___ between Shackamaxon & Marlboro ?) was written on a paper seen by Mr. Denzer, but held by someone else)

Elizabeth Bray
Mary (Mrs._____?) Smith
Susan (Mrs._____?) Martin
Emily (Mrs. John D.) ~~X~~ Arthur
Matilda A.____ Bray

These above children are heirs of John & Sylvia Bray. He was a residuary devisee to a 3/8ths interest in the estate of his uncle Judge John Bray of New Brunswick, N.J. whose will was proved May 1834, also a Rev. War ~~[illegible]~~ officer. The other 5/8ths residuary estate went to the children of the sister of Judge John Bray, namely Anne Bray (Mrs Reune, Jr & St. 11-29-1741 & James 11-21-1811) Runyon (born 1743 (dau of Daniel Bray), married 1765 Rev. Reune Runyon Jr, she died 7-11-1816 "in 73rd year" per St. James, Piscataway, N.J. etc.

I seek the original records (MSS) or court books in which written, of the application of James H. Bray to be admr of his fathers estate, in the hope they will disclose where the above 7 children were living in 1855 or 1858.

Excuse this ditto letter, but I wish to use the information later and the underlaying carbon on my office letterhead didn't come through too good.

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Thanks for any consideration you may give, Respectfully,

James W. Clayton,
29 Johnson Road, West Orange, N.J.
May 22, 1960

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The National Archives,
Washington 25, D.C.
and

Re: Preservation from destruction of old Philadelphia, Penna., Surrogate Court Records of prior to public Vital Statistics Records days

Gentlemen:

As the enclosed copies of letters will show, I with Charles J. Denzer of 95 Bay View Road, Silverton, Toms River, N.J., have for the past 2 years been engaged in a search for the descendants and heirs of one John Bray (1st) who died May 1834 of New Brunswick, N.J. He died childless, but his
1874 Middlesex County will D pg 2 proved 5/6/1834 names as his principal
124br heir his namesake JOHN BRAY (2nd), son of his brother James Bray. After
234br much N.J. searching it was found that these brothers John Bray (1st) (a local Judge) & James Bray were both Rev. War soldiers and that the search led to Philadelphia where on 7-29-1779 (Capt., Lambs Artillery)
213 John Bray married Mary Ginnis at "The German Evangelical Lutheran Con-
bray gregation of St. Michael & Zion in the City of Phila." whose records now are with the Historical Society of Penna. at 1300 Locust St., Phila., Pa.

Searches of the Philadelphia deed and surrogate records, and of Washington, D.C. pension file W 3176 of Mary (Ginnis, Mrs. John Bray, Mrs. Gilbert) Blythe disclosed Capt. John Bray (1st) died 1792, she remarried Gilbert Blythe who died 1799, and the only known child of Capt. John Bray was (there were unknown one's too, per pension wording, but none named) was
63bra the namesake John Bray (2nd) who was a grocer at the S.W. corner of Coats &
66bray Lawrence (later called Franklin), Sts. per Phila. Mortgage book SHT3 pg 78 (50k
13bray on reel 67, dated 10-4-1836, and continued there until 1855, the last time he appeared in the McElroy (1855) Philadelphia Directory.

211bray Per affidavits in Mary (Ginnis, Mrs. John Bray, Mrs. Gilbert) Blythe's
230br pension file W3176 her "first child born Oct. 1780", she was alive 3/10/1848;
231br Her daughter in law Sylvia (_____ Mrs. John (2nd)) Bray's affidavit (married John 2nd) in 1810) is dated 7/25/1848 when Sylvia is given as age 56. An
19-29 examination on 7/3, 8, 29/1959 of the Spring Garden district of Phila. 1850 census failed to disclose the family, but the film at the Penna. Historical Society could have been skipped over by Denzer or myself. Mary Blythe lived
511bwith son John Bray at S.W. /////// corner Coats & F. per deed bk AWM60 pg 72 (
The above is background. Now for the records in danger of destruction.

567bray The above Spring Garden district parcel at the S.W. corner of Coates & Franklin was known as 5M12 Lot 86 at S.W. corner Fairmount & Franklin when
567br conveyed to the Redevelopment Authority of City of Phila. 4/12/1951.
568br By 5/14/1858 dated deed ADB book 17 Pg 426 recorded 5/24/1858 James H. Bray admr of estate of John Bray conveyed this to Francis W. Wood. IT IS THESE ADMINISTRATION APPLICATION, APPOINTMENT and Manuscript (original file) papers I'm interested in examining. This deed ADB book 17 Pg 426 gives me
568bra the information that on November 17 (or 20?), 1857 a petition of John W. Bray, a son of John Bray dec'd, set forth to the Court that John Bray died intestate May 5, 1855, leaving no widow ((so Sylvia ___ then dead)) but 7 children, to wit, the said petitioner ((I don't have any addresses on any,
John W. Bray, and ((but would like to find their heirs))
James H. Bray (apparently the one named administrator)
Elizabeth Bray; Mary Bray Smith; Susan Bray (Mrs.) Martin;
Emily Bray (Mrs. John D.) Arthur; and Matilda A. Bray, all over age 21, for the sale of the premises at the S.W. corner of Coats & Lawrence.

573 bray The latest data, gotten 2-5-1960, is that the administration & files
293D index covering this period are on floor (3-2-1960) 9, Room 925 under the
572bray custody of and that the W.P.A. work shelf and docket box files have partially collapsed and that word is being awaited (From the Orphan Court Judge ?named) to destroy a lot of these records.

575 I wrote a letter dated 3/4/1960 to the Judge of the Orphan's Court, City
bray Hall, Phila., (copy to Penna. Historical Society), asking if a better date than destruction couldn't be found, (such as offering them to The State Library, Harrisburg; The National Archives, Wash. 25, D.C.; The Penna. Historical or Genealogical Soc., 1300 Locust St., Phila, Pa, etc). No reply to date on the letter. These records antedate the keeping of Vital Statistics in Penna.: which was 7-1-1860 I understand. I hope that these files, if & when I can examine them, will give data on where the above children of John Bray lived,
293D etc. Orphan Court Bk 46 pg 602 support of 6-20-1856 is in docket box #137;
index COC Bk46/670 of 9-19-1856 settlement of John Bray Est is in Box 44;
572-3 OrphCourtBk45/698 of May 1855 in Box #12; Certainly some agency will take such records (does destruction take in those going back into the 1600's?) an irreplaceable source data manuscripts, which is why I'll send a copy of this to others, who might welcome them. Reply appreciated. Respectfully, J. W. Clayton

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James Wilbur Clayton,
29 Johnson Road,
West Orange, N.J.,
July 30,1960

Rev. Frederick E. Mager, D.D.,
St. Georges M.E. Church,
326 New St. at 4th. St. near Bridge,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Doctor:

With a friend, Charles J. Denzer, I was in Philadelphia yesterday to trace or find more about the children of John Bray (born about 1785 or 1785)-
pg 567 575 bray 225 226 511 524 died May 5, 1855) and wife Sylvia _____Bray (born Circa 1792 at age 56 in a 7-21-1848 pension file affidavit for her mother in law Mary Ginnis (Mrs. Capt. JAMES Bray(Mrs. Gilbert) Blythe). (Mrs. Captain James Bray of Lamb Ave. Sylvia _____ married John Bray in the year 1810 per above affidavit found in Revolutionary War pension file # 3176 of her mother in law Mary Ginnis Bray Blythe, all of whom in 1848 were residing at the S.W. Corner of Franklin & Coats (1960 called Fairmount) St., Phila, Spring Garden District.

Per that affidavit, and other data, the below is known:

Per a July 21, 1848 certification of Pastor Pennell Coombe of the " EIGHTH STREET M.E. CHURCH, CORNER OF 8th AND NOBLE ST." Mrs. Sylvia Bray of the City of Philadelphia has for a number of years been a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church in this City, and is at present a member of the Eighth Street Church, M.E. Church, corner of Eighth and Noble Streets..."

We were at this location yesterday, in the hopes of finding a church still there, or a cemetery, but there are none there now, and we were referred to your Church nearby.

This is the information we would like to get:

Whatever your records may show or indicate as to where the above couple John and Sylvia_____ Bray are buried, or where their probable place of burial may have been (probably the old cemetery near you, now under the Bridge approaches), and the date of death of Sylvia_____Bray.

Whatever your records may show as to the birth, baptism, marriage or death records of their below 7 children((gotten from Philadelphia deed book
568br #A.D.B. Book 17 pg 426 dated May 14, 1858 on the sale by his admr James H. Bray of their parents Grocery store premises at the"S...Corner of Coates & Franklin(late Lawrence) Streets in the city of Phila., late district of Spring Garden.."))))

Their 7 children:

	Name	date born	date baptized or age	date of Marriage (& age)	Married to	residence	Date of death &
568	John W_____ Bray						
	James H____ Bray						
	Elizabeth Bray (single at 5/14/58 deed, unless it refers to the Nov. 17 or 20, 1857 petetion of John W. Bray naming these 7 children of John Bray))						
	Mary Bray Smith"formerly Mary Bray"						
	Susan Bray Martin"formerly Susan Bray"						
	Emily Bray "intermarried with John D. Arthur"						
	Matilda A____ Bray						

569 "..all above age of 21.."...and at an Orphan's Court of January 2, 1858 report was that the 40' by 100' odd lot could not be partitioned, had value of about $4,000.--, and was exposed for sale April 7, 1858 in the Philadelphia Exchange...and sold for $3,900.00 th Francis M. Wood(Bookseller).. sale confirmed May 24, 1858..

It would be appreciated if you would list whatever you may find on the Bray family above, that may enable us to get in touch with their descendants.

Respectfully, James W. Clayton
James W. Clayton

Memo: the father of above John Bray(2nd) was Captain James Bray (born C.1755, married Mary Ginnis(born 1760) on 7-29-1779 at"The German Evangelical Lutheran Congregation of St. Michael & Zion in the City of Phila."- It's records at Penna. Historical Soc. Capt. James Bray died___1792; his widow remarried, to Gilbert Blythe who died 1799. Per Stillwell V.3, Pg 113, father of above Capt James Bray was #5 Daniel of 1785 will, whose chn were #24 James above; #25 Judge John; #26 Daniel; #27 Ann ("Mrs. Rev. Weune) Runyon; #23 Mrs. Capt. #1 Rev. John Bray died C.1716 had chn #23 Mrs.

James Wilbur Clayton.
29 Johnson Road, West Orange, N.J.,
Wed., August 17, 1960

73bray Descendants of # 5 DANIEL BRAY Sr
NJArchives 8-28-1716 Piscataway, Mdx. Co Will
Vol.35/pg86 dated 8-19-1790, Proved 3-17-1795 (NJArchives
& wife Miss Martin, Children #23 Mrs. West; #24 James; #25 Judge John; #26 Daniel J
& Anna (Mrs. Rev. Reune Jr & Sr. 1740 St. James, Piscataway
(11-29-1741 born ~~#~~ will dated 10-21-1811 proved 12-7-1811)
ref born 1743 married 1765 died 7-11-1816. (Rev. Reune died 11-1-1

Dear Folks:

I did not hear until too late of the Friday, August 12, 1960 dedication of "THE DANIEL BRAY HIGHWAY" along the Delaware, and yesterday afternoon with Charles J. Denzer of 95 Bay View Road, Silverton, RFD Toms River, N.J., drove over to Lambertville, Stockton, Rosemont Cemetery and Raven Rock, &c., to get the newspapers and any other data that might be gotten about the Bray family that might help us in our search for the descendants of the Uncle #5 Daniel Bray of the #12 General Daniel Bray after whom the Highway was named (he born 10-12-175 buried Rosemont Cem. died 12-5-1819 per John E. Stillwell's Vol 3 page 109 etc. and the stone.

For Stillwell's "Early Settlers of N.J. and their Descendants", the Rev # 1 John Bray born ? Died C. 1718, 1st wife Susanna (2nd) wife Anna S abrook (Mrs Andrew Sr) Bowne had children # 2 John; #3 James (both Srs); #4 Andrew and the one I'm after # 5 Daniel Bray.

Rev. John #1 Bray's son James-Bray-Sr. # 3 James Bray was born 10-24-1707, lived Kingwood Hunterdon Co., Will dated 5-5-1758, died Proved 8-5-1758 and was the father of #12 General
854b Daniel Bray Sr. #12 General Daniel Bray had children #40 Eliz. Rhebenhouse to #52 Mary 1801-12
1 Rev. John Bray's 4th son (no daughter's known to me) was # 5 Daniel Bray of the top of page (1716 Piscataway 1785), and the enclosed letters. I'm on a search for descendants of h #5 Daniel Bray, who were as follows: 5 children numbered 23 to 27 incl. per Stillwell's numb
23 Miss #(married) Mr. West & had a son Joseph named in will of #5 Daniel:
24 Captain James (Rev. War, Lambs Artillery, &c) born about 1758? died 1792, married
214bray Mary Ginnis on 7-29-1779 at "The German Evangelical Lutheran Congregation of St. Michael
microfilm & Zion in the City of Philadelphia. She remarried soldier Gilbert Blythe who died 1799.
At 8-17-1848 she was living at the S.W. Corner of Coates & Franklin, formerly Lawrence (later on present Fairmount) in Spring Garden District, with her only known child John Bray
520bray born C. 1785 died 5-5-1855 (Phila. Adms file # 1855-172), married Sylvia _____ in yr 1810., and which John & Sylvia _____ Bray (formerly of New Brunswick, N.J. per deed sales there of property bought from his Uncle #25 John Bray's estate, said #25 Uncle Judge John (Rev. War also) died C. 5-1-1834); I'm particularly desirous of finding the des cendants of these John & Sylvia, their children being 7 in number and known, for the
568bray most part from Philadelphia, Pa. deed ADB book 17 Page 425 dated 5-14-1838 recorded 5-24-1838 by admr (son) James H____ Bray to Franklin M. Wood, bookseller of Phila., of John Bray's (C.1785-1835) Grocery store location at Coats & Franklin, under Court Order to sell to settle the estate; children were,

JOHN W._____ BRAY
JAMES H._____ BRAY look for them
ELIZABETH BRAY (I haven't checked marriages in Phila. since 1855, where does one lo
Mary Smith, formerly Bray (Who did she marry, & when?, Where live? when died? children?
Susan Martin, " " " " &c

97marr'gs Emily Bray intermarried with John D. Arthur (per data gotten Wed. 8-7-1960 at St. Georges M.E. Church, Phila., New St at 4th, she married him, he of N.Y. City, on Sun. eve., 4-15-1857 at the 8th St., M.E. Church by Rev. Joseph Castle D.D. pastor of St. Georges, & formerly the 8th St., M.E. where Mrs. Sylvia Bray attended per the Rev. War pension file W5176 of Mary Ginnis Bray Blythe.)

Matilda A____ Bray. I'M SEARCHING FOR DESCENDANTS OF THESE 6 & 7 CHILDREN OF SYLVIA & JOH ~~#~~ # 24 James Bray per Stillwell married 10-5-1771 license Mary Fitz Randolph of Middle he of Morris County. This may have been a 1st marriage? File W5176 of Mary Blythe ties it with #25 John her brother in law, who made her son John (of Sylvia) his principal devisee

25 John Bray married Rachel is all Stillwell has. He was also a Rev. War (officer per some of W5176 microfilm I got from National Archives at Wash., D.C.) soldier; and a Judge, well
114bray off for his day an understatement; his will Middlesex book D pg 2 dated 1-10-1834, codicil
1874 4-25-1854, proved 5-6-1834, names (2nd) wife Ellen (or) (Tillotson per her will) who remarr
143bray Col. Daniel Kinsbellice; "of B. and Brook"; he leaves 5/8ths of his residuary estate to the
279skids children of his deceased sister Anna (Mrs. Rev. Reune) Runyon (see very top), & 3/8ths to his namesake John Bray (of Sylvia) "son of my brother James". He had no children.

26 DANIEL BRAY NAMED BY STILLWELL, but not in will of his father #5 DANIEL BRAY, so here is a clue and DANIEL BRAY, and when I heard of General Daniel Bray's Highway I went over to see. I find Daniel Bray's # 32; #12 Sr & 80 Jr; #5 Sr & #26 Jr. in early times.

27 Anne married Rev. Reune Runyon by 6-8-1765 license per Stillwell. Rev. Reune' Runyons
NJArchives will names his children as Nancy Drake; Rachel Dayton; Reune ; Daniel; Matilda Tanner;
Vol.41/pg521 #231 Isabella Holton; late son Vincent Runyon. these are 5/8ths devisees of residuary
222bray estate of #25 John Bray "Commissary in th Rev. War per W5176 data on pg 222 Bray long.

James W. Clayton

Descendants of #1 Rev. John Bray, Baptist minister who was settled in Monmouth County, N.J. as early as 1684. He was born ? died C. 1716. of Middletown, near Red Bank, & Holmdel

August 17/18, 1960
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For those who may not have access to, or records on the early Bray family, I'll note here
853bray data I copied Sat. 15/5/1959 at the N.J. Historical Society, 230 Broadway, Newark, N.J. (dues only $10.-- a year if you wish to join, and if you do this is an invitation to write them to join), from John N. Stillwell's M.D. 1914 "Historical & Genealogical Miscellany" on Early Settlers of N.J. and Their Descendants"- Volume 3 page 109 etc..

Rev. John #1 Bray in 1688 purchased land near present Holmdel & died there. In 1704 with his wife Susannah gave land on which present (1914) Baptist Church at Holmdel was built.

By 1st wife Susannah were children #2 John Sr and #3 James Sr.

" 2nd " Anna Seabrook (Mrs. Andrew Sr) Bowne were children #4 Andrew and #5 DANIEL

Stillwell gives credit for data sent in on some of these branches, or names descendants, but I'll briefly give early branches in case any of you want to start your own Family Tree, but please remember that I'm interested in the descendants only of #5 Daniel Bray Sr (Jr is #26 and that's all we know of Jr), particularly of his son #24 Captain James and youngest ? child #27 Anne (Mrs. Rev. Reuns Jr & Sr) Runyon, she born 1743, married 1765, died 7-11-1816, buried with Rev. Reuns 11-29-1741 to 11-1-1811 in St. James Church Yard, Piscataway.

For more data on #5 DANIEL BRAY Sr.'s descendants, see accompanying letter dated 8/17/6

853bray #2 John Bray Jr & Sr, of Middletown, was born 1-30-1694, buried 4-5-1765, will proved July 2, 1765. (See New Jersey Archives for Wills & Causes filed at Trenton. Dept of State Office to year 1817), married Elizabeth Bowne. Stillwell doesn't give more data (at least on page 112 and they had children # 6 John #7 Samuel; #8 James Sr; #9 Susannah Smith; #10 Elizabeth Lequear.

8-8-1782

NJA35/58 #6 John Bray baptized (was) 6-2-1739 at Middletown, his will, dated Kingwood, (Hunterdon Co N.J. was proved 9-10-1785; His wife was Catherine _____. Looking at his will in NJA he may not at all say son John, yet will calls self Senior. Stillwell gives only child as #28 Elizabeth (Mrs) Farnsworth, who had chn Lydia; Mary; John & David Farnsworth.

#7Sr #7 Samuel Bray born 6-21-1722 near Bray's Meeting House, Holmdel, died 8-25-1794, will dated 8-2-1794 proved 9-1-1794, married by 10-2-1753 license Rebecca, (dau. of Richard & Rebecca Applegate) 3-19-1730 to 2-10-1810; they had chn #29 Samuel 7-21-1755; #30 Sarah Cooper; #31 Rebecca (Nicholas) Worrall; #32 DANIEL BRAY 1-17-1770 died 7-27-1841 #Sarah Applegate 2-5-1767 to 7-27-1825 & in turn had chn # 82 Susanna (Aaron) Conover; #83 Rhoda (Ludlow) Pierce; #84 who died 3-1-1864 #Mary Truax, no issue; #85 John Bray ; #86 Joseph Bray 9-28-1802 to 9-4-1844 ; chd #35 Anna (Daniel) Levinson of N.Y.

#8 James Bray Sr of Kingwood, will dated 8-8-1794 proved 2-6-1797, married (1) Catherine dau of James Winter by 2-23-1756 license. They had chn #34 to #39 incl. #34 Andrew # Elizabeth ; #35 James 1-2-1772 died 9-1-1810 # Rachel Osbourne 1774-1855; #36 Rebecca # Rittenhouse #37 Rebecca Reed ; #38 Aline Brown or Bound; #39 Catherine 10-16-1770 # James Hartpence

On 3-5-1789 at Kingwood, died 9-22-1821 at Harrison, Ohio.

#9 Susannah Smalley & #10 Elizabeth Lequear Stillwell gives nothing more of, but they are fairly common names in the Pedersort Cemetery, visited by Charles J. Denser & myself

#11 JAMES BRAY (2nd child of Rev. John Bray) was born 10-24-1707 of Kingwood, will dated 3-5-1758 proved 5-5-1758, 1st wife was? 2nd was Elizabeth had children # 11 James Jr to #16 Susanna who married cousin #18 John Bray, son of #4 Andrew.

#11 James has no data shown by Stillwell; #

#12 is General # 12 DANIEL BRAY Sr after whom the DANIEL BRAY HIGHWAY was dedicated Fri 8-12-1960 last at Bayon Rock, Hunterdon Co. (he collected the river boats Washington used to capture Trenton). His stone at Rosemont. A Captain in Rev. War; General in State Militia; He born 10-12-1751 died 12-5-1819, married by 5-2-1772 license Mary Wolverton C. 1760 died 4-19-1840 in 81st year. They had children #40 to #52 Mary, as follows: Elizabeth 1-24 or 27-1773 #on 12-18-1791 Edward Rittenhouse; #41 Delilah 2-1-1777 #7-10-1796 Jonathan Rittenhouse. #42 John also there 5-25-1779 to 1-29-1818 & buried both are buried in plot with their parents. #43 Hannah 4-29-1753 #10-25-1801 Jonathan Blackwell: #44 Jonathan 6-23-1761; " at Phila." #45 James 8-2-1785 died 5-16-1786; #46 Susannah 12-6-1786 to 3-20-1862 in 76th yr # 5-20-18 Israel Bateman 1760 C to 10-12-1825 aged 45 years, they both in parents plot at Rosemont al #45 James 8-2-1785 died 5-16-1786; #46 Susannah 12-6-1786 to 3-20-1862 in 76th yr # 5-20-18 #47 Andrew 12-12-1789; #48 Sidney 12-15-1791 died 6-2-1803; #49 Alison 12-21-1793; #50 DANIEL BRAY 7-20-1795 # on (means married) on 8-7-1827 Elizabeth Kirk; #51 Gardner 12-1 1797 died 1-15-1798; #52 Mary 10-10-1801 died 4-25-1812 aged 10YRS&DD, also in parents plot.

#13 John Bray 1755-1845 #Rachel Rittenhouse 4-8-1789 & had chn #53 Daniel (to Ohio) to #58 also #55 Elijah & #56 Charles to Ohio. #14 Hannah & #15 A ne have no other data that I saw.

#4 ANDREW BRAY , 3rd child of #1 Rev. John Bray, 7-1-1713 killed by lightning July 1789, was of Freehold 1789, will dated 5-2-1789 proved 7-28-1789 of Kingwood; 1st wife Margaret Watson; (2) Sarah Stout ; he had chn #17 to #22. #17 Anne # Thomas Jones; #18 John Bray 11-13-1753-7-7-1806 on 12-24-1753 #Susan, dau of James & Elizabeth #3 Bray; (#16 Susan); had chn. #60 Andrew to #68 Watson. ; #19 Deliverance # John Shurts; #20 Huldah #Robert Cummins #21 Sarah #Cornelius Cox & (2) John Shaw 2-20-1778; #22 Thomas # Elizabeth Bowlby

#5 DANIEL BRAY , youngest child Of #1 Rev. John Bray , is the line I'm tracing

He born 3-28-1716 died C. 1785, will of Piscataway, Mdx. Co dated 5-19-1778, proved 3-17-17 married Miss Martin, & had children #23 to #27 Anne 1743-7-11-1815 (Mrs. Rev. Reuns Jr & Sr) Runyon 11-29-1741 will dated 10-21-1811, died 11-1-1811. #23 dau married Mr. West & had at least a son Joseph West; #24 Captain James Bray of Lamb's Artillery, died 1792, married Mary Ginnis 7-29-1779, she married Gilbert Blythe who died 1799, per her pension file W176. Only child known was John Bray C. 1785 Phila 5-5-1855, wife Sylvia born C. 1792 married 1810 whose 7 chn are as on 8/17/60 letter #25 Commissary & Judge John 's will proved Mdx 5-8-1834; #26 DANIEL , no data; #27 Anne(e) (Rev. Reuns

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Dear Folks:

I am trying to locate the family of or the descendants of ISABEL (BRAY?) RUNYON and JOHN HOLTON her husband, in connection with a fractional title interest in some vacant woodland in Central New Jersey; in which property a friend and myself are interested, and which interest we would like to purchase on a plain bargain and sale, or quit claim deed.

At present there is not much known to me about them that is not listed below. Isabel (or Isabella elsewhere) Runyon Holton was probably born about or before 1790 as she was named Isabella Holton in the will of her father Rev.(Baptist) Reune Runyon (born 11-29-1741 Piscataway, N.J. Gen. 11-1-1811 "age 71") "Of Piscataway", dated Oct.21,1811. Her was the son of Reune Runyon (Sr) & Rachel Drake per data sent by Arthur L.Stokes of RD#1,Princeton,N.J.

141 Her mother Ann Bray Runyon was married in 1765, and is undoubtedly the one buried beside Re. Reune Runyon 100 feet Easterly of the St. James Episcopal Church, on Woodbridge Ave., Piscataway (Edison Twp.), N.J. Unfortunately all the descriptions we data on (her) stone has flaked off and the date of her birth and death is now unknown to me except that she was alive at the date of her husband's will of 10-21-1811. Ann Bray Runyon was the daughter of Daniel & Bray, whose Book 37 Page 328 will, per N.J.Archives Vol.35 Page 57, describes himself as of Piscataway Twp., N.J., is dated 5-19-1778, was proved 5-17-1785, and names sons John and James, son in law Rueng Runyon, and grandsons Daniel Runyon and Joseph West.

Isabel (Isabella) and John Holton her husband describe themselves in Middlesex County deed 150 pg 521 dated 11-4-1873 as " of Seneca County, New York"; and convey to (Her Brother?) Joseph Holton (Jr?)(3rd?) 1.05 acres in Piscataway Twp. , it being Division Lot # 9 and part of the 18.75 acres homestead farm of (their father?) Joseph Holton (Sr?).

If this is the same party mentioned as married in Reyleune Runyon's 10-21-1811 will, they were long lived, and then about 85 years of age each. If you ever come across their tombstone I'd appreciate the dates on it.(and of any Holton).

I find no record of any Middlesex County Surrogate Case for Joseph Holton (Sr?) except Trenton File or Case", 10,066 L" for Joseph Holton of Piscataway, Mdx. County, which began 4-18-1805. His inventory was made by John Dayton & Reune Runyon, and sworn to by Peter Holton & John Holton , administrators, on Oct.14,1805.

Next to it in Vol. # 39 pg 285 of N.J.Archives books is one Trenton file #10,067 L of SIMEON HOLTON which began 6-3-1805. The inventory of his estate "left unadministered by Joseph Holton, deceased" (Case 10,063 L ?) was made by Peter Holton & Francis German, and sworn to by John Dayton on 10-14-1803.

I'll list other Holton deeds which may or may not be of help, that I have noted:

By Mdx. County deed 22/598 dated 2-13-1826 Isaac Holton of Mdx. Co & Jos o Shepherd & wife Mary (Holton?) of Sussex County,N.J.,transfer to (the same?) Joseph Holton (jr?) of Piscataway Twp., Lots # 13 and 5 in the Division of the Lands of Joseph Holton (Sr? of Isaac).

37/572 was an unnoted reference.

By Mdx. deed 37/525 dated & recorded 1843, Jane Holton, referenced under Joseph Holton Est Estate, transfers to Joseph Holton (Jr?).

By Mdx. deed 64/481 dated 4-13-1855 Joseph Holton and wife Sarah Ann _____ of Piscataway, transfer 6.26 acres there to Imaley Boice of same.

By Mdx. deed 151/23 dated 11-14-1874 , parcels of 123.04 acres and 5.59 acres are conveyed to Mary J. Clark of ROCHESTER? NEW YORK,Monroe County,N.Y., by Sarah Ann Holton widow of Joseph Holton (Jr?) and an unknown Mary E. Holton (dau.?) heir at law of Joseph Holton (Jr?).

It would be appreciated if you would send me word as to whether any Isabel or John Holton were among your ancestors, or relatives, or known to you from family Bibles,recollections, or papers. A search among your old family Bibles or papers, or inquiry among the best informed members of your family ,might be of interest.

As a search of this kind is somewhat like looking for a needle in a haystack except that Holton is not a common name, it would be appreciated if you could take the time to,let me know the names of your Holton parents, grandparents, and great grandparents, if known to you or others in your family group. Include where possible the maiden name of the wife, and when and where they were born, lived,died and were buried.

I have gotten a lot of the above information from books like the N.J.Archives, some scarce data from historically minded lads like Mr. Stokes, and if we ever find the dated of birth and death of Ann Bray Runyon I suspect it will be through the efforts of Donald A. Sinclair, Curator at Rutgers, who informs me in a 9/28 letter that there are 2 copies of the St. James Cemetery inscriptions, one by him personally, and thoroughly checked, the other by a party from the Genealogical Society. Both are in his possession for the purpose of preparing a final version for publication (in"The Genealogical Magazine of N.J.").

If you are interested in family research matters, the dues to join the Genealogical Society of N.J. are only $5.-- a year. It's address is P.O.Box 208, Newark, N.J. The dues include an interesting quarterly magazine. Wherever you live there are near you worthwhile historical and genealogical societies that would be very happy to have you join them, and to receive (lest our children toss them out as "junk") items of the ancient past or early days of our state or country,etc.

The N.J.Archives books are $5.-- each, they are available at the New Jersey Historical Society, 230 Broadway, Newark, N.J. They cover a variety of subjects-extracts from old Colonial day newspapers; wills and administrations to year 1815 so far;Marriages (out of print); Colonial document abstracts, etc.

Trusting that you will be able to send me some of the above desired data, and thanking you for your kindness I am,respectfully, James W.Clayton

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DESCENDANTS OF REV. REUNE RUNYON (Jr.)

Born Nov. 29,1741 ((1740 per tombstone))at Piscataway,Mdx.Co.,N.J. per Pg. 31 of Rev. James F.Brown's "History of the First Baptist Church of Piscataway", Son of Reune Runyon (Sr) & Rachel Drake. Via Arthur L.Stokes,RD1,Princeton,N.J.

Died Nov. 21,1811 "In 71st Year",buried 100 feet East of St. James Church,Piscataway

Married Miss Anne Bray in 1765 ,She named in his will dated 10-21-1811,proved 12-7-1811 , Trenton MSS file # 10,316L (Original Will files, Mdx.),abstracted in N.J.Archives, Volume 41 page 321 (Vol. 12 of Wills & Admrn. abstracts, years filed 1810-1813, now published to 1817, cost $5. ea. at N.J.Historical Sc In his will "Of Piscataway" he names 7 children: Nancy Drake: Rachel Dayton; Reune B(Bray?);Daniel (called Daniel Bray in his Uncle John Bray's will 1834) Matilda Tanner;Isabella Holton; & Vincent deceased,with 4 children,who is Oct.15,1811 Inventory case file #10,317L. By this you see that all his & Ann Bray Runyon's girls at least were married at date of his will on10/21-1811

Wife, Anne Bray born 1743 died July 11,1816 in 73rd year (when I copied Rev.Reune's tombstone date,herstone alongside had flaked off for all but 12 letters and Donald A.Sinclair says in a 10/15/59 letter that when his copy was made be before the war the second figure of her age (3) was missing, and is supplied from copies made earlier by Whitehead, Marsh, and Monnette. Mr.Sinclair is Curator at Rutgers, Trustee &c of the N.J.Genealogical Society of N.J. and our quarterly Magazine. You are invited to join; dues are only $5.00 a year, it's address is P.O. Box 205, Newark, 1, N.J., Magazine is included

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"Anna " Widow, died July 11,1816 in 73rd year, no will. She was the daughter of Daniel Bray of NJArchives 35/pg37 will dated 5-19-1778 "of Piscataway Twp", proved 3-17-1785 who named sons James & John ,son in law Reune Runyon (latter 2 exrs),Grandsons Daniel Runyan & Joseph West (who was this latter?) it being Trenton MSS file # 6715-6718 L. This John dies 1834 of New Brunswick & makes chn.of his deceased sister Ann Runyon (she died 7-11-1816) to receive part of his residuary estate.

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Descendants of ISABELLA RUNYON HOLTON,daughter of Ann Bray (Mrs. Reune) Runyon,a residuary legatee under D/2 will of Ann's brother John Bray of New Brunswick,N.J. dated 1-10-1834 ,proved May 8,1834; Inventory May 1,1834.

Payments to or for account of Holton in his (John Bray's) files are or include:

186 May 5, 1837 $671.85 Due John Holton a/c Residuary legatee

Sep.19,1846 370.77 to Attorney of John & Isabel Holton

1886 July 11,1849 69.63½ to George Drake,attorney for John & Isabella Holton

325 ind Per Middlesex County Deed Book 150/521 from John Holton & wife Isabel Holton "Of Seneca County, N.York" dated Nov. 4,1875 recorded 1874, they transfer to Joseph Holton*o: of Middlesex County,N.J., 1.05 acres,being part of the homestead farm of Joseph Holton dec'd late of Mdx.((how I wish they's say "Died such & such a date at")), lot # 9 in the Commissioners Division of Joseph Holton's lands." let's call latter Sr.;Jr*grandse

I took this date off near closing time 7/23/1959 and must recheck it, for per below data Isabella Holton is believed to have died between 1850 & 1860 genus census at Batavia, N.Y. I listed at same time the following land transfers to (the same?) Joseph Holton *((Jr?)).::22/598 dated 2/13/1826 lots 13 & 7 in same division from Isaac Holton of Mdx.Co;and Jesse Shepherd & wife Mary (Holton?) of Sussex Co.,N.J.: 37/525 Jane Holton to him: unlooked at 37/573 to him * latter 2 recorded 1842,1830 Isaac. ((I thought I know a little/ but getting / date on such partitions, but one I'm hunting in Ocean County of Monmouth,N.J. between 1823 & 1828 on James Skidmore I cannot locate; I haven't tried to locate this Joseph Holton partition yet))

From some very kind members of the DHOLTON FAMILY ASSOCIATION", descended from Deacon William Holton,born 1610, from Ipswitch,Suffolk Co.,Eng. 1634 to Hartford,Conn.,Married Mary at Northampton,Mass 1634, I find the below on the Isabella J'm after the descendants of; Harriot Schofield

it's Genealogist of 2230 Euclid Heights Blvd.,Cleveland 6,Ohio, sends me the below, and I trust I'll be able to send her more data as it is gotten or connected (Western Reserve H.S)

John & Isabella Holton are in the 1850 Batavia, N.Y. census as below: John Holton,Blacksmith age 66(born 1784),born N.J.; Isabella age 63 (born 1787)N.J.; Theodosia D. age 20,N.Y.(their dau. per Runyon genealogy, plus son John): Has anyone a record of Theodosia born 1820?

In 1860 Batavia census of their son John B.(Bray?) Holton Is John age 76 (born 1784) but Isabella no longer; John B.(Bray?) age 44 born N.J. ; Catherine (Elizabeth Runyan)age 35 N.J.; (he a mason,age 34 N.J. (died 4-20-1864) she age 27 born N.Y. in 1850 Batavia census) ~~Census age 8 (1852)~~ Freedom age 13 (~~1845~~)6-12-1847 per fathers Surrogate case)later Freedom Mead Meade of Toledo,O. in 1878 deed Batavia, to brother Ganson of Chicago,Ill; Ganson age 12 (11-16-1851);Caroline age 7 (6-7-1856,in 1878 ' Caroline Herr or Henn of Batavia); John age 4 (10 (10-29-1859); The 1878 deed is from Catherine Pamber of Batavia,widow of John B Holton & mother of John(10-29-1859 minor?);Freedom Meade of Toledo;Caroline Herr or Henn of Batavia, to Ganson Holton of Chicago,Ill,heirs of John B. Holton & John Holton both late of Batavia.

I suspect that the Simeon Holton born 2-10-1810 in N.J. ~~who married~~ died 5-10-1885 Warsaw,N.Y. (could be a son of John & Isabella as they were married prior to 10-21-1811);he married at--- Le Roy, N.Y.,Olive Samantha Spring & had children; Milton M(line of Mrs. Constance H.Cone,Columbus, Ohio, have you her address?):(2) Rekiance Melvina Marquis Fayett;(3)Marquis Fayett;Walter Seward; Henry Harrison;Junius Runyan; Clara Dell;Myra Eugenia. "Runyon Gen.gives Isabella & John's chn as ~~as~~Simeon;REUNE;John;Isaac;Mortimer;Theodocia;Jonny;Rebecca." Simeon & Jos.Holt.10/14/1805 inventor

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DESCENDANTS OF DANIEL BRAY

(Whose Piscataway Township, Middlesex County, N.J. will, dated May 19, 1758 (proved March 17, 1785 named sons James (Rev. War Captain, died 1792) (& John (died New Brunswick about 4-28-1834), Son in Law Ruene Runyon (Rev. & Jr) 11-29-1740 St. James Cem., Piscataway 11-21-1811 in 71st yr (married Ann Bray born 1743. married 1765, died 7-11-1816 in 73rd year) ; and grandsons Joseph West (who is he?) and Daniel Runyon (believed to have married #232 Sarah Holton, dau of #131 Joseph who was born 1752 Stelton Cem 3-2-1805)

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#131 Joseph Holton Sr 1752 Stelton Cem. 3-2-1805 in 53rd year married Rhoda _____, born 1760 died (buried Stelton Cem) 4-27-1842 in 82nd yr. I'm interested in 2 of their children, as follows:

#231 John Holton (1784 1784 died after 1860, before 1878 in Batavia, N.Y. presumably) Blacksmith, married Isabella (Isabel) Runyon, dau of Rev. Reune 1740-1811, born 1786 per an unseen Runyon Genealogy, 1783 N.J. per 1850 Batavia, N.Y. Census of 1850, died Attica, Wyoming Co., N.Y. 9-28-1858 and whose children are #331 Simeon# Olive Samantha Spring to #341 Nancy (Mrs.) Twist referred to later. This John & Isabella signed, at same time but separately on 11-4-1823 dated (recorded 1874 Mx. Co), along with his brother #233 Peter & Margaret Holton (Lots 5v & 8) all as of Seneca County, N.Y. John had gotten lots # 1 & 9 in the division of his father's (Joseph 1752-1805) realty. The transfers were of interests in said # 131 Joseph's Realty9 transferred to Joseph Holton Jr. usually)

232 Sarah Holton, who got Lots # 2 & 11 of her father Joseph's division is described as the widow of Daniel B. Runyon in Middlesex Deed 37/523 dated 11-9-1842 to # 236 Joseph Jr, her brother, for the interests she had in the rights of her mother Rhoda ____ Holton's set off of about 30 acres in that division. I'm interested in learning about this family, of which little is known to me except the data in the 1939 Genealological Society of N.J. magazine from the Tombstone Hounds & c listing of the Stelton Cemetery stones.

Apparently one child of theirs was # 343 Henrietta ~~Holton~~ 1811 Stelton 5-19-1833 who was wife of Samuel R. Stelle 1809 Stelton 11-25-1843 age 34 a will I've not as yet gotten. They have 2 children buried at Stelle

Sarah C 1831 to 11-7-1836
Amanda 4-29-1833 to 5-10-1833

I am at this time particularly interesyed in the descendants of #232 Sarah Holton Runyon and her daughter (& Children if others) Henrietta Runyon Stelle. I have not seen the Runyon Genealogy to date (11-20-1959)

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In the 1805 Division of #131 Joseph Holton (Sr) in Division Book at Mdx. County Court House I have the below list of his children #231 to # 238 Isaac.

As to the early Holton's (also spelled Holton) my present data is as follows.

#10 John Holton (I'll disregard N and M as NJArchives &c had some tough writing to follow) born Circa 1700 married about 1730 (Per Harriet Schofield) Martha Runyon, dau. of Vincent Sr of Piscataway who (will 2-6-1723/4?) names her & son Vincent Jr. & Reune Runyon (Sr) , latter Town Clerk 1750. She born? July [illegible] Harriet S. Vincent Sr. ~~1/4/1/1/1/1~~ names Daughter Martha Holton;

10 John Holton apparently had sons # 20 Thomas born before 1727 who married Rachel, dau. of Moses Fitzrandolph per latters will 12-10-1752 will proved 4-7-1759. Vincent Jr names brother Reune 1-20-1727 & Thomas son of John and

30 John Holton Jr. of Piscataway in will dated 2-18-1780 proved 5-25-1780 (wife _____?) names 6 children ~~#-132-Joseph-to~~ #130 Ephraim ~~to~~ #131 Joseph Sr; #132 Peter 1763 Stelton 6-29-1840 in 77th yr, # ____ Stelton aged 86 yrs; #133 Rachel [illegible] #133 Jeptha Holton 1789 Stelton ~~1/2/1/1/1~~ 10-28-1842 in 53rd yr # [illegible] married #134 Rachel (Mrs. ?) Drake , who had son Stout Drake
#135 Martha Holton:

/#131 Joseph Sr & Rhoda Holton

~~1/1/1~~ ~~#-232-John-&-Isabella-Holton~~ The ch ildren of #[illegible] Holton(m) above, per distribution of realty book, were : ~~#~~#231 John & Isabel(la) [illegible] (lots 1&9); #232 Sarah widow of Daniel B. Runyon, also at top; #233 Deborah, lots 4&12; #234 Jeptha (1&14) #means wife or married Anna of Warren Twp, Somerset Co. 11-9-1842 &Plainfield Twp , Mdx. 1-23-1861; #235 Peter # Margaret, see at top. lots 5&8; #236 Joseph Jr lots 6&10 # Sarah Ann _____, by Mdx deed 151/287 dated 11-14-1874 she & ?dau. Mary E. or C Holton sell his 133 acres; #237 Simeon 3&13 1778 Stelton 10-30-1804 ~~1/1/1~~ in 26th year, # ____ ? had chn. #237-A Isaac who # Jane ____ & at 10-21-1842 per Mdx deed 37/525 of Frankford Twp., Sussex Co., N.J. also dau # 237-B Mary # Jesse [illegible] Shepherd of Sussex Co., N.J. 2-13-1826 per Mdx deed 22/598; Last ~~1/1/1/1~~ is Isaac 1796 1796 Stelton 7-12-1800 in 4th year, per 1939 Gen. Soc. N.J. Magazine records of stone

#231 John & Isabella Runyon Holton had (per June 1, 1861 petetion of sons Simeon #331 & John B #333 for admrs of Isabella Holton's estate, at Warsaw, Wyoming County) children #331 Simeon #Olive Samantha Spring; #332 Reune B; #333 John B 1816 Batavia 4-20-1864 #Catherine B (Elizabeth) Runyon who remarried Pember & had chn # 451 to #454 below; #334 Isaac; #335 Egbert Mortimer #Elizabeth ___: #336 Theodosia D. Northn : #337 Jenny? ; 338 Rebecca?; #339 Isabella Elizab. Colgrove; #340 Mary Patterson; #341 Nancy Twist who had 6 chn Salern; Hannah; Isabella; Olive; Emily; Sandford

I typed Page 1 hurriedly yesterday so as to hand some copies to persons I hoped to see at last night's annual meeting of the Genealogical Society of N.J. at the N.J.Room of the Rutgers University Library on George St., New Brunswick,N.J. The underlined 78 above is a correction of a misprint error. I'll give background data from the N.J.Archives first,only referred to on page 1, and insert numbers of Holton (m) (em) family as occasion permits, as I am at present pursuing a search into the Holton family, as a son of Daniel (B) Runyon and a dau. Isabel(la) Runyon married-(of Rev. Reune (Jr & Sr) & Ann (c) Bray Runyon)1740-1811) married 2 children of #131 Joseph Holton(Sr) 1752 Stelton Cem.3-2-1805 & wife Rhoda (Rhode)_____? 1760 Stelton 4-27-1842 in 82nd yr, namely their chn. # 231 John Holton 1784 Batavia N.Y. between 1860 & 1878 who # Isabella Runyon 1783 (1786)died Attica,Wyoming Co., N.Y. 9-28-1858 (had chn. #331 to #341), and child #232 Sarah Holton who got lots #2 & 11 in her father #131's realty division,and who in transferring interests in these or her(now deceased) mother Rhoda's set off (to her brother Joseph #236 Jr)by Mdx. deed 37/573 dated 11-9-1842.

I'm engaged in research into only the descendants of the above #231 family and #232 family of Sarah, who in deed 37/573 is described as the widow of Daniel B. Runyon ((where a family is numerous, as were Runyon's,etc.,you'll find that even tho a middle initial may not have been given that in self defense,or to distinguish themselves,etc., that an initial is added to their name to help distinguish them. This occurs in 2 sons of #231 John & Isabella Runyon Holton, # John B. mmm- #333 John B. 1816 Batavia,N.Y. & bro. #332 Reuno (Runa) B. who sign as John B. & Runa (Reune) B. in Batavia,Genesee Co., N.Y. deed 47/203 dated 9-2-1843 by heirs of #231 Isabella Holton (Charles J.Denzer got this & other data recently while on trips to Warsaw,Wyoming,Co. & Batavia,N.Y.).

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Vincent Runyon (Sr) of Piscataway,Mdx., Co.,N.J. in will dated 2-16-1723/4,proved 3-18-1723/4 names wife Mary & chn. Vincent (Jr);Reuben; Reune (Sr. later Town Clerk 1752); Reziah(son); Sarah Voghton who had dau Elizabeth Webster (& son John? per Vincent R.Jr); #10 MARTHA HOLTEN ; Ann ; Rizpha (dau); prior from printed N.J.Archives, now to 1917 wills; Vincent Runyon (Jr.-easier to identify this way,if you have a number assigned to any family member, please let me know it & I'll use your number)of Piscataway Twp,Mdx Co.,N.J. in same NJA Vol. 23, # 1 of Wills 1670 to 1730 in N.J.Sec'y of State Office, Trenton,N.J.(& avail: available at N.J.Historical Society,230 Broadway, Newark, N.J. at $5.-- each)) in his will dated 1-20-1727/8 proved 2-27-1727 names mother Mary; brothers Reuno & Reziah (both under 21); Reuben; Sister Rispha; legacies to # 20 THOMAS , son of #10 JOHN HOLTON (Sr).

You are invited to join the Genealogical Society of N.J., P.O.Box 208,Newark,N.J.,dues $5. a year, included the quarterly Geneal. Magazine of N.J.; Contributions of Bible records, family research, etc. are welcomed. Their collection of Gravestone records is of immense value as N.J. Courts have recently ruled that cemetery hallowed ground is not"hallowed forever".

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Daniel Bray's will proved 3-17-1785 per NJArchives reads Rusna Runyon,son in law. Probably a legibility difference on taken off from original MSS, as his Piscatawaytown burial ground stone (called St. James now) reads Rev Rev Rusna- Rusna Runyon diedNov 21,1811 in 71st yr, RB over top; stone beside, AR at top is of RE (list presumably, all else now gone but Donald A.Sinclair,Curator of Special Collections at Rutgers, supplies the missing data as Anna, died July 11, 1816 in 73rd year. I'm awaiting the publication of this old records cemetery, for the congregation of the First Baptist Church of Piscataway wasorganized 1689 & is the second oldest of the Baptists in the state, & what we now call St. James was the Town Burying Ground at Piscataway. Stelton (named after the Stelle's) was it's later cemetery. There are 60 odd pages of stone records per Mr.Sinclair,and a big job to complete to cross check,etc., ////////// Too many fail to appreciate the value of such records.

Per NJArchives one Vincent RUGNION (Runyon) , of Raritan River, Mdx. Co.,N.J. on 12-5-1713 was letters of admn granted to his widow Martha Rugnion. Liber 1, pg 486. Call Num. Sa

Add to #132 Peter Holton 1763 Stelton 6-29-1840 in 77th yr, wife Rachel died in ? aged 86 years (assume same birth date as husband tentatively 1763 so died circa 1849; I'll see if Trenton Vital statistics, started June 1848, may help fill in date, in case no one has a record)) ;they have a dau. #240 Catherine 1791 Stelton Cem.8-19-1800 in 9th yr. buried there.

328 Add to #232 Sarah Holton (Mrs. Daniel B.) Runyon ; he is Mdx. case # 18174, admn. was granted 11-5-1842 to JOSEPH RUNYON and REUNE RUNYON (were they sons?) & fellow bondsmen were SAMUEL FITZRANDOLPH & THOMAS SIMPSON . His case file shows $686.93 rec'd from the executors of John Bray, and an unexplained-balance of $796.60 whose distribution was unexplained. Were Joseph & Reuno Runyon sons? ///// children

I'll not have enough room here to add presently known data on the descendants #331 to 341 and-of #231 John & Isabella Runyon Holton, or their grandchildren #430-433 (chn of #331 Simeon & Olive Samantha Spring);or #450-452 grandchn of their son John- #333 John B(ray?) & Catherine B. (Elizabeth) Runyon Holton (Mrs.)Pember. So will fill in with miscellaneous data gotten.

'3 Cem- St. James Cem; Mary Runyon,Widow of Vincent Runyon,died Feb 2,1757 87th yr (or aged 87?rec: Rachel, dau.of Reune Runyon Esq.,2-28-1762 25rd yr;(when I there didn'd know names now known)

'8 Stelton: Henrietta A. dau of Daniel & Sarah Runyon,5-19-1833, 22, & wife of Samuel R.Stelle Samuel R.Stelle (illegible, but have on pg 1);Elizabeth K.Stelle 4-29-1797/1-16-1886

.9'Cem- West 5th St.,& Plainfield Ave. Cem,Plainfield,N.J. visited 9-19-1959:

#234? Nancy Holton, wife of Jeptha Holton (illegible,looks like 29th of 1868 ;63 or 68 yr Joseph Holton 10-20-1826 Fifth St 8-30-1885 Father & on same stone Susan Holton 12-28-1828 Fifth St. 4-4-1909 Mother"; the 5 below are side by side so presumebly same family:

22 Joseph Holton 4-1-1834 1874 aged 75-2-21 ; Sara A. his wife (I see this is #236)1-28-1839 aged 77-2-15; John Newton only son 4-30-1858 age 12-10-10; Mary Ella Holton 6-10-1909 66-4-3 #233? Debora Holton 3-20-1878 aged (not legible 90-5-11?) No room for Pg143 S.Amboy Catholic.

James Wilbur
Holton's of Piscataway line J.W.Clayton,29 Johnson Road,West Orange,N.J.

Page 3- Descendants of Daniel Bray-Will proved 3-17-1785 N.J. Hdm,C.

It will be appreciated if you will send in data to add to the below known information on the descendants of #231 John Holton 1784 alive 1860 Batavia, N.Y. consus,but fails to sign Batavia, N.Y. deed 47/203 dated 9-2-1863 (altho neither did his dau #337 Jenny, #338 Rebecca, and last 3 chn . of dau #341 Nancy Twist (Olive;Emily;& son Sandford)) recorded to Asa Farnham on 10-2-1863. Names-as-deceased--in- as heirs of Isabella Holton- (Runyon) Holton # 231 his wife. nor was #231 John Holton 1784- 186 ___ named as in the petition of 6-1-1861 of their sons # 333 John B.(ray?) & #331 Simeon Holton for admrn of Isabella Holton (their mother) as found by Charles J.Denzer on 10/26/59 in Book 3 (1856-1882) Batavia, N.Y. records,at Warsaw,N.Y and the wife of #231 John Holton 1784-Batavia,N.Y. 186_? who was Isabella Runyon 1740 died Attica, Wyoming Co., N.Y. on 9-28-1838 per her admrs. petition at Warsaw, Wyoming County, N.Y., (her son #335 Egbert Mortimer Holton & wife Ann Eliza lived at Attica,N.Y. per Wyoming County deed 30/142 dated 4-3-1854,which see), she the dau. of Rev. Reune Jr & Anna Bray Runyon. Rev. Reune Runyon Jr born (Rev.Reune R.(Jr)11-29-1740 St.James Cem.,Piscataway,N.J. 11-21-1811 in 71st yr; Anna Bray 1743 St.James married 1765 died 7-11-1816 in 73rd yr).

Of the children of #231 John Holton & wife Isabella Runyon Holton, namely # 331 to #341 (#342 a spare number for any deceased child,&c) the ones numbered 337 Jenny and # 338 Rebecca are not named as such (or identifiable) in the June 1, 1861 Warsaw,N.Y. application for admrn petition of Isabella #231 estate. (readers may know Jenny & Rebecca are part of a full name, & girls take a fancy at times to sign with part of name, then later with rest of given na name, etc). If so,Jenny & Rebecca are probably part of the full names of these 3 daughters of #231 John & Isabella Runyon Holton that are named as Isabella's heirs in her admrn petition; but not named in 10-12-1959 letter of Harriet Schofield: #339 Isabella Elizabeth Cosgrove of Milton, Wisconsin; #340 Mary Patterson of Mattsburg,Erie Co.,Pa, and #341 Nancy Twist who died in Wisconsin & had chn Salem;Hannah;Isabella (these 3 signed 9-2-1863 Batavia deed 47/203 to Asa Farnham,recorded 10-2-1863 as heirs of Isabella Holton;these 3 didn't so sign that deed (possibly another though, to be looked for in future) Olive,Emily and Sandford Twist;

The heirs of Isabella #231 Runyon (Mrs. John) Holton per that petition, plus data gotten by Charles J.Denzer from Batavia and Warsaw, N.Y. records (deeds and admrns are together in some of their county records he says,,or indexed so), plus 1850 Batavia Consus of #331 John & Isabella Holton & 1860 Batavia census of their son #333 John B.(ray) Holton #Catherine B.(Elizabeth) Runyon are as follows; plus data from Harriet Schofield, gives us the following;

#331 Simeon born N.J. 2-10-1810 died Warsaw, N.Y. 5-10-1885; Per C.J.Denzer extracts of pg 517 Holton log book Simeons will in Book 100 Pg 336 dated 9-11-1882 proved 7-20-1885 leaves leaves all to wife Olive S.Holton. She, Olive Samantha Spring born ? married him at Le Roy, N.Y. on date died at ? on date?;(I see (pg 518) C.J.Denzer has logged her signing Warsaw deed 114/139 dated 7-15-1890 as of Warsaw to Charles J.Gardner of same.)The children of #331 Simeon & Olive S. are (condensed here, will expand at end) are #430 to #432;

#430 Milton E._____(what is full name?) born 1836 Le Roy # (married or spouse) in 1857 Sarah Milner, residence Evanston, Ill. on date_____ shadSohn Joel Potter;Jessie;Sarah L.

#431 Reliance Melvina 1838 in Batavia, died there ? Mr # in 1859 Arthur H. Watts, of? or Residence? Zanesville, Ohio; 6 children Olive Elizab.1861 at Warsaw;Myra J. Purdy 1866 Bethel, Shelby Co.,Mo; #Ross C.Purdy; Olive Elizabeth 1861 # John Keller;Reliance A. 1861 Shelbina,Mo died 1891 Zanesville, O;Charles Simeon 1871-1873 at Zanesville,O; Charles H. 1876 # Brundage,res. Kalamazoo Mich: Arthur Simeon 1876 Zanesville # Olive May Graham.

#432-A- Marquis Fayette 1841 Batavia, N.Y. died there 1842

#432-B" " " born 1843 Warsaw, N.Y. died 1881 Kansas City,Mo. #Julia Bainbridge who died same yr; #1869 Anna E.Nesset,Rochester, N.Y. (of ?? or at?)He buried Warsaw,N.Y.

#433 Walter Seward 1846 died 1865 ; # 434 Henry Harrison b. 1848 Warsaw died 1928 Tuckahoe N.Y. by wife Anna E.Ward, widow of Elisha,married about 1881, had Rebecca Delia 1885 # Myron C.Lockner, of ? res? Indianapolis, Ind. #435 Junius RunyAn Holton b. 9-27-1850 at Warsaw Warsaw,N.Y. # 1874 Kate A.Christian of? or residence? Minneapolis, Minnes.

#436A- Clarentino Adoll 1854?Warsaw died there 1875? (1854?); #436 B- Clara Doll 1855 Warsaw # Charles H. Button of Norwich, N.Y.;removed to Minneapolis,Minn;died 1886;buried Warsaw

#437 Myra Eugenia 1863 Warsaw, died there 1865 # 438 MARY N. HOLTON, under age at 7-20-1885 per her fathers administration papers ,per C.J.Denzer extracts (pg 519 Holton) from Bk 13 of Wills (1863-1885 Warsaw,N.Y.),so Elmer E.Charles, Esq. appt'd her guardian; ///////

#//////#332 Reune B. Holton of Sublitt,Ill. per June 1 (John B) & 25 (Simeon) 1861 Admrn of Isabella #231 petition; But Rune B per Warsaw,N.Y. deed 47/203 deed dated 9-2-1863 to Asa Farnham, which deed was signed by their attorney (in fact) #333 John B. Holton for all except #337 Jenny & #338 Rebecca, & #340 Mary Patterson & 3 chn of Nancy (Mrs____?) Twist, namely Olive,Emily & Sandford Twist,which Asa Farnham Grantee deeds Mr.Denzer will look for.

#333 John B(ray?) Holton, mason, born 1816 N.Jersey,died 4-20-1864 Batavia, with wife #335 Catherine B.(Elizabeth) Runyon Holton is in 1860 Batavia,N.Y. Census and his father #231 John & sister #336 Theodosia are with him, also his chn #452 to #453 Incl. as follows,plus data from Harriet Schofield plus C.J.Denzer deeds&c. She remarried _____ Pember,was alive 7-15-1890 above. #450 Freedom born 6-12-1847,married at 6-10-1869(per deed 130/37 Batavia) to Charles D.Manic,then of Syracuse,N.Y.;same in 1874;of Toledo,O 1878 but acknowledged in Iowa,Winneshick County. #451 GAMSON B per Batavia deed 152/566 dated 9-14-1881 (born 11-16-1851) of Chicago with wife Mary, but acknowledged in Blue Earth County, Minnes.

#452 Caroline born 6-7-1856 (father's Surrogate Court records gives ages at last birthdays) signs as Carrie Harr (Married to ?)of Rochester,Monroe Co.,N.Y. in Batavia 152/566 dated 1881

#453 John Holton (2nd if not Jr) born 10-29-1859 ; does not sign (332 Holton) Batavia deed 152/566 dated 9-14-1881 tho remarried mother Catharine Pember & other sisters & bro sign it.

334 Isaac Holton of Birmingham, Mich #335 Egbert Mortimer Holton#Ann Elizabeth (above) of Cedar Creek, Mich,6-1-1861, & Solon, Kent Co.,Mich,1-14-1862 per deeds; #336 Theodosia D. (?) Norton b. 1830,of Lake or Sake, P.O.,Ohio; #337 Jenny & 338&339 above;#341 Nancy Twist (Mrs. ?) "Who died in Wisconsin" #342 a spare. Send data on above of today's living

 James Wilbur Clayton, 29 Johnson Road, [illegible] Ora

DESCENDANT'S OF DANIEL BRAY of Piscataway Twp., Middlesex County, N.J.-3-27-1785 Will (HOLTON's Of Piscataway line-) with particular attention to 3 of his grandchildren, children of his son in law "Rueng" (Revd Reune) Runyon (jr) 11-29-1740 St. James Cem. 11-21-1811 in 71st yr (he left a will also) & daughter Ann (Anna, Anne) Bray Runyon 1743 St. James Cem. 7-11-1816 in 73rd yr; namely #231 Isabella Runyon (Mrs. John 1784 Batavia 186_) Holton : ~~#232x~~ born 1783 N.J. died Attica, Wyoming Co., N.Y. 9-28-1850: ~~#232~~ ~~Holton-Runya-~~ and had children #331 Simeon born 2-10-1810 to # 341 Nancy Twist who died in Wisconsin; the second grandchild of Daniel Bray being

132B) #232 Daniel B. Runyon of Mix. County case #18174 whose administration bond of (scns?) Joseph Runyon & Reune Runyon are also signed by Samuel F. Randolph & Thomas Simpson on 11-5-1842, but no mention in of Sarah #232 Holton his wife who got lots # 2 & 11 in the realty division of her (& brother ~~#232~~ #231 John 1784-186_?) father 's # 131 Joseph Holton (Sr) 1752 Stelton Cem. 3-2-1805 realty division, & in transferring realty interests of here held under #131 Joseph her father to # 235 236 Joseph Holton Jr her brother by Mix. deed 37/573 dated 11-9-1842 is therein described as the WIDOW OF DANIEL B. RUNYON. Per the above the Holton brother & sister married a Runyon sister & brother; the only child (see pg 1) of Daniel B & Sarah Holton Runyon now known to me is #343 Henrietta Runyon 1811 Stelton Cem. 5-19-1833 who married # 343 Samuel R. Stelton 1809 Stelton 11-25-1848 & as per page 1 whose will I have just found out about & still have to look at for their heirs. These two above Runyons #231 Isabella (Mrs. John) Holton and # 232 Daniel B. Runyon who married #231's John's sister Sarah Holton, had another Runyon brother I'm interested in, namely REUNE B. RUNYON , dead at 8-31-1843 when letters were granted to his widow HULDAH (Kelly or Lupardus ?) in Mix. Surrogate Case #18232 & sons Reune

110B D. & Oliver Runyon. Their administration petetion dated 12-12-1843 gives an excellent listing of his 8 children & the ones they married & children of 2 deceased children. I'll list those after completing the page 3 balance of the later generations of the children of (descendants of) #231 John & Isabella Runyon Holton which as per pgs 1 to 3 are #331 Simeon to #341 Nancy Twist/ Mrs. Jr (charles D) #Mary

//////Add to # 450 Freedom : #451 Ganson: #452 Caroline (Mrs. ?) Herr: & #453 John Holton, children of # 333 John B. & Catherine B. (Elizabeth) Runyon Holton (done first c/o little to add, whereas #331 Simeon & wife Olive Samantha Spring have much data to add for their chn. #430 Milton E. to #438 Mary N. under age at 7-20-1835 per father's admn papers. Birthdates of #450-453 from Surrogate data from Harriet Scofield) on John B #333 admn.

532H #Add to # 450 Freedom Holton (Mrs. Charled D) Meade that she signed (along with Mother #333 Catherine Pember (no B. hereper Charles J. Denzer's pg 532 log) #451 Ganson B. ; and wife Mary of Chicago (acknowledged-by-h4; #452 Carrie Herr of Rochester, Monroe Co., N.Y. in sale to Margaret Kerige of ? Batavia, N.Y.)))) Batavia, Genesee County, N.Y. deed 152/pg 566 dated dated 9-14-1881 as Freedom Meade of Toledo, Lucas County, Ohio, but it was acknowledgedon date of ? (recording date not noted by C.J. Denzer) in ~~[illegible]~~. ((on next chance at Batavia get name of Notary & town if any to pinpoint)) #450 cont'd

Add to #450 was acknowledged on date ?? at ? by? in Winneshiek County, Iowa.

Add to #451 Ganson B. & wife Mary _____?Holton: In Batavia, Genesee County, N.Y. deed 140-320 of 1874 he of Milwaukee, Wisc. ; in 1878 deed 145-319 of Chicago, Ill; in 4-11-1881 deed 152-397 he & wife Mary of Chicago, ditto 152/566 dated 9-14-1881 but acknowledged on date ? at ? by? in Blue Earth County, Minnesota. (what his business?)

Add to # 452 Caroline Holton (Mrs. ?) HERR; Married as 1878 Genesee Co. deed 145/319 is signed by her as Caroline Herr, of Batavia, N.Y.; deed 152/566 dated 9-14-1881 of Rochester, NY

Add to # 453 John Holton born 10-29-1859 ; To & including Batavia deed # 142-4 dated 6-25-1873 his guardian (Samuel P. Palmer) sells for him (this recorded late on 4-15-1880 after he presumably dead); by deed 145/319 dated & recorded 1878 (CJD didn't pinpoint date of deed to show earliest date of death) Freedom Meade of Toledo #450; # 452 Caroline Herr of Batavia: as "heirs of John B. Holton late of Batavia & also John Holton" and #333 Cath[illegible] (?)rine (no B here) Pember of Batavia aforesaid WIDOW OF SAID (#333) John B. Holton deceased and MOTHER OF SAID (#453) JOHN HOLTON deceased (all of the first part) TO GANSON (#451) HOLTON OF CHICAGO, ILL, also heirs. #454 a spare number for expansion or presently unknown child, if any: /////

///// ADDITIONAL DATA ON CHILDREN OF #331 Simeon 2-10-1810 died Warsaw, N.Y. 5-10-1865 & wife Olive Samantha Spring, married at? or of? LeRoy, N.Y., she alive 7-15-1890 as she signs Warsaw deed (Wyoming Co) 114/189 138 to Charles J. Gardner; their chn # 430 to 438 as below:

Add to #430 Milton E. ? Holton & wife Sarah Milner: their oldest child (of 3) #430A- Joel Potter born 1859 Kingston, Ontario # Eva Canterman & (2) Florence Meade (no Chn by her Eva Canterman Holton had Milton G. who is ancestor of Mrs. Constance H. Y Cone, Columbus, Ohio #430B-Jessie born 1861 Rochester #1882 Arthur L Bates (at? (of?) Minneapolis and had children Pauline 1884; Sarah 1886; Harold E. 1888; Loren A 1898; last child #430C- Sarah L. born 188_ in Rochester, N.Y. # 1882 Fred A. Walls (at?) (of?) Chicago, Ill. and had chn, Alfred H. born 1882 drowned 1888; Edith born 1885. ((If known, always give full names, c/o dropping one at times

Add to #431 Reliance Melvina (Mrs. Arthur H) Watts; their oldest child Olive Elizabeth b. 1861 at Warsaw, N.Y. # 1883 John Keller and had chn Laura E. born 1884 & Karl E. 1886 (see 431A

#432B- Myra J. 1866 Bethel, Shelby Co., Mo #(married) 1901 Ross C. Purdy, Professor of Ceramics, Ohio U. & had 3 chn Reliance Spencer 1904 # Karl R. Leiter; (Constance H. 1905 # Lt. Gordon Cone who died 1930; Lois B. 1909 # Cecil H. Turner. ~~[illegible]~~ (Anna Bad 1868 after Constance Cone)

#431C- Reliance A. 1869 Shelbina, Mo. died 1891 Zanesville, Ohio; #431D- Charles Simeon 1871 died 1873 at Zanesville, O; #431E- Charles H. 1876 born Zanesville, O by 1st wife May Brundage (residence Kalamazoo, Mich?) had 2 chn Arthur P. 1905 Cleveland, O who # Margery Frey & have son Arthur Ronald; also Robert Charles 1906 # Nancy Ware , residence is ?

#431 F- Arthur Simeon 1876 Zanesville, O # Olive May Graham and have son Arthur Graham Watts.

Add to #434 Henry Harrison Holton # Anna E. Ward, a son Marquis Fayette b&died 1883. (1872 # Mary Cranston; # 1872 Henrietta Phelps) Reliance Delia 1885 # Myron C. Lackner, Indianapolis

Add #435 Junius RunyAn & Kate A. Christian-dau. Mary Nixon 1875 # Fred'k G. Leslie & had Harris Holton Leslie 1896 & Fred'k George L. 1897. Add # 333 Egbert Mortimer H., in deeds 109/51 dated 1861 (CJD omitted date) recorded 1-14-1862 of Solon, Kent Co., Mich.

HOLTON Bro

Jas Reg

Asf PISCATAWAY BARMARKS (from Genealogical Magazine of N.J.) showing the RUNYON, DRAKE, HOLTON Families were early ones. The First Baptist Church of Piscataway was organized in 1689 ((Dutch Control over New Amsterdam broken 1664)), and from the early dates the Piscataway Holtom (on)(em) would appear to not be Descendants of Deacon William Holton born 1611 of Hartford, Conn. & Northampton, Mass. of the HOLTON FAMILY ASSOCIATION. In the early days burials were made in the Piscataway Town burying ground (in which St. James Episcopal Church now stands) and continued there in part even after the April 1731 purchase of the land now occupied by the Church & burying ground at Stelton (named after the old family STELLE). The earliest date of death of one buried there (Stelton) is that of Elizabeth (Mrs. John) Sutton who died May 10, 1751 per the 1939 issues of the Genealgkeal Magazine of N.J. in which the Stelton Cemetery stone inscriptions are permanently listed. The publication of the Piscataweytown ~~B~~Town Burying Ground cemetery inscriptions will be welcomed with appreciation for the logged by both Donald A. Sinclair, Curator of Special Collections at Rutgers, and the others, he reports that the cross checking has been done only about 1/3rd. Many of the very old stones have flaked & weathered, and a tremendous amount of thanks should be given to such as he and the Genealogical Society members for the collection & preservation of such non replaceable data. 1848 was the beginning of N.J. Vital Statistics. I'm told New York State is the worst state to lose an ancestor in, a/c poor & late early records keeping.

//////Piscataway Bar marks, with comments as now seen

Date Originally recorded to (detail omitted as to shape, etc)

137 Dec. 2, 1686 To Vincent RUGNION. Probably Sr., & he whose of "Raritan River, Middlesex Co.,
184 whose 12-5-1713 admrn was given to widow Martha. Also un-
125 doubtedly he whose dau. Martha married #10 John Holton.

Pray July 19, 1692 To Vincent Rugnion Jr.- Undoubtedly Jr & Sr whose Feb. 16, 1723/4 Piscataway will proved March 18, 1723/4 names wife Mary & chn. Vincent (jr); Reuben; Reune (Sr) Reziah; (son);
Sarah #7/ Voghten; #10 Martha Holtem per NJArchives; Ann; Rizpha; (dau); Elizabeth Webster dau of Sarah Webster alias Voghten.

May 8, 1699 to John Drake Jr

July 22, 1699 Francis Drake (also 1705 Andrew; 1706 Joseph; 1707 Andrew; 1707 Abraham; & Jonathan

March 30, 1739 To Samuel Mack fason formerly Jonathan Fitzrandolph- later hand to #10 Thomas H

Oct. 5, 1738 Vincent Runyon (Jr?) entered earmark for son Reune Runyon (Sr?) Sister to son Re)
Reune Runyon Jr"&Sr) by John Dunham, Clerk //cent Sr?

May 7, 1742 To # 10 John Holtom formerly Isaac Manninge. (#10 born C.1700 #Martha Runyon d. Vin-
On May 25, 1749 John Stelle signs as clerk; On April 14, 1750 Reune Runyon (Sr) begins to si

Dec. 7, 1751 To Thomas Holtom #20?; Probable he who # Rachel, d of Moses Fitz Randolph of 4-7-

Mar. 24, 1753 To John #30 Holtom Jr. (Mdx will proved #/?5/25/1750?) 1759 proved will

Feb. 7, 1755 To Reune Runyon Jr formerly Samuel Jones. (undoubtedly RevD Reune 1740/11-21-1811) the son of Reune & Rachel Drake Runyon per Rev. Jas. F. Brown's Hist. of 1st Bapt. Ch. of Piscataway. Revd Reunes will proved dated 10-21-1811 proved 12-7-1811 , names wife Ann & children Nancy Drake; Rachel Dayton; Reune; (Daniel: (No "B" in will, but later took a "B" initial to pinpoint from others of same name possibly)); This Daniel #(married) # 238 Sarah Holton)); Matilda (Mrs. ?) Tenner; #231 Isabella Holton (wife of John #231) and deceased son Vincent Runyon & latter's 4 children); Father Reune's will proved (Jr) same day Dec. 7, 1811 as son Vincent's inventory sworn to. Reune Runyon (Jr) was in on both.

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I will make a few miscellaneous notes here: I see an unplaced N.J. Archive will of an unknown Richard Holton Of Piscataway, Mdx. co. , who in will dated 8-25-1801 proved 3-?-1814 names wife Mary , son Isaac as executor, and granddughters LEMETIE and MARY HOLTON to receive legacy when 18.

Charles J. Denzer listed & logged numerous Batavia, Genessee County, N.Y. deeds of

Bil Charles & wife Mary Ann Holton., from 1835 to his Vol 15 wills pg #629 (index or Bk 249/100) (proved? CJD didnt notrif dated or proved date) 9-25-1878, all to wife Mary Ann; Her will

534 (index 171/416?) Surrogate Bk20 pg 415 , dated 10-24-1885 proved 4-11-1889 apparently, orders stone like on husband Charleds grave & leaves all to, son ORA S. HOLTON. There is an indefinit date here "Rec. June 15, 1889" which apparently pertains to Mary Ann (Mrs. Charles). Are they of the Deacon William Holton 1611 line? or unplaced? He also has deeds reciting heirs of

535 Edmund Holton late (8/5/1941) of Batavia; wife Linda L; son Floyd Cooper Holton

538 Also Selma D. & wife Effie S Holton of Darien 1837 & Cates N.Y. 1839 Batavia deeds. If not of the Piscataway Holton descendent's do not send me data on them, just say not of the Piscataway line if you know it, so CJDenzer can spend time on other data.

Some of you who see this are of New England Societies; My earliest Wilbur ancestor known was Edward Wilbur who settled 30 acres S/4 miles N.E. of the Toms River, Ocean County, N.J. Bridge in 1765. He came from Monmouth County (Ocean was part of it until 1850 split off) as a couple of his Rev. War sons John & William as I recall their pension applications said

pg8 they born there. John Wilbur born 1759 says he born in Upper Freehold Twp., Mon. Wilbur County, N.J.; William born C. 1756; Mary C.1758 # Lt. Joshua Studson killed at Cranberry Inl 12-1-1780 then # Chamberlain; my Dillon 1769 T2River 6-9-1841 # Lucretia Bird 1774 T12 6-9-1846: James 6-1-1766 Amley Hill Cem 9-16-1845 # Elizabeth Hopkins 1-1-1777 EH 8-28-1849: (William above settled at Whiteville near Toms River; Mary above; C 1758: Goodluck Cem. John settled at Goodluck (Forked River #Lst ? if so # Elizabeth Achor 1824 ; he alive 9-9-1839 per pension application (Freehold deeds D2/34 of 4/10-1813 ; M4/345 of 8-5-1844; G2/482 of 11-10-1823 for heirs of Edward); James #Elizabeth Hopkins above (I'm nowtaking in birth order from a 2-7-1938 lettter); Hannah 1768 T2River M.E.Ch.Cem 4~~5~~/8-1848 # John Irons 3-26-1786 T2R 6-14-1821 & had son John Wilbur Irons who had large landholdings as per 1844 division; My Billon next : (7th Margaret C.1770 # Wm? Attison or an only child as they sign G2/482 deed dated 11-10-1823 to brother Samuel Wilbur as heirs of Edward Wilbur; (8) Samuel Wilbur C. 17 # Hannah Thompson of M4/345 8-5-1844 deed trfr to (their son in law?) Richard Crawford at present Dayton Ave. & Hooper Ave., Toms River. Edward by Amboy S5/10 of 6-4-1762 proprietor

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James Wilbur Clayton, 29 Johnson Road
West Orange, N.J. January 17, 1960

To
The Secretary of State of _____
State House,

_____

or the Clerk of the County of _____

State of_____ .

Gentlemen:

I'm trying to trace some descendants of old New Jersey families who left this State for the "Frontiers" of 150 years ago. From old deeds and other data indicated below I know the location of several at the time of the Civil War. I'm writing to see if your State has any recording system similar to our's in New Jersey where all original wills and administration papers were required to be sent to the State Capital (after being recorded locally in the County Records) or other designated central point.

As a result, in New Jersey, at the Secretary of State's Office at Trenton are all old wills, etc., from all over the state. In 1905 the then Secretary of State indexed in 3 large volumes all such ~~wills~~ wills & admns, and by County of origin (the Chapters by counties) and date originating & if will administration, guardian, etc. (~~one~~/~~line~~/ ½ line to a case). I got the 3 volumes in 1935 at $1. each when I first joined the staff of the N.J. State Auditor & was on ~~a~~ work at Trenton.

If you have any such names as are checked in the margin, among your case files, please let me know the number and date of your reference file (& if possible if a will or administration), and the cost of getting an abstract of same, or of some party in your area who for pay would copy off from those files the data pertaining to the names of descendants & their location.

Keep this copy, I have ////////////////// numerous others.

853run((Descendants of Anne #27 Bray (Mrs. Rev. Reune Jr&Sr. 11-29-1740 St.
yon (James Cem, Piscataway, N.J. 11-21-1611) Runyon 1743 St. James 7-11-1616
notebk by her daughter Isabella Runyon (Mrs. #231 John 1784 Batavia, N.Y. 186)
520hol ~~Runyon~~ born NJ 1786 or 87(2 sources) died Attica, Wyoming County, N.Y. 9-28-
ton 1858, by ~~their~~ their children #331 to 341; (#331 Simeon, born NJ 2-10-1810
(married) Olive Samantha Spring; ~~#332 Reune B. Holton~~ Holton is family name
#332 Reune B. Holton; #333 John Bray Holton 1816NJ Batavia, N.Y. 4-20-1864
Catherine E. Elizabeth Runyon; #334 Isaac; #335 Egbert Mortimer Holton
Ann Eliza ; #336 Theodosia D. born 1830 per 1850 Batavia, NY census # Mr
_____? Norton; (# 337 Jenny & 338 Rebecca, neither named in 6-25-1861
administration petetion of their mother Isabella (Mrs. John #231) Holton))
#339 Isabella Elizabeth N.(Mrs._____) Colegrove; #340 Mary Holton (Mrs.
) Patterson; and # 341 Nancy Holton (Mrs. ?) THIST who died in Wis

County or STATE WHERE SETTLED (excluding New York, their family birthplace)
~~SETTLED~~

ILLINOIS #332 REUNE B. HOLTON/presumed born about 1813 of Sublitt, Illinois
~~WAS SETTLED~~ County, Illinois per the
June 25, 1861 Warsaw, Wyoming County seat, N.Y. admn petetion for
estate of Isabella #(#231 Mrs. John) Holton by her sons #331 Simeon &
#333 John B(Bray?) Holton, the latter a mason per 1850 census. Name
520holton of wife not shown, or known. In the Bk47/pg 203 Warsaw, Wyoming County, N.Y. deed book, dated 9-2-1863, recorded 10/2-1863 where 10 of
516holt Isabella Holton's heirs sign deed to ASA PARKMAN, their brother
#333 John B(ray) Holton signs as their attorney, & the power of
attorneyhas not as yet been seen to find locations in 1863.

557holton #33 3 #333 John Bray Holton born 1816 NJ1864 had 5 children
summary numbers 450 to 454, but inquiry for only #450 Freedom(Mrs. Charles D) Meade, and #451 Ganson Holton is being made here, as follows:

Ohio, #450 Freedom Holton (Mrs. Charles D.) Meade was born 6-12-
Lucas County 1847 per her father's Batavia, N.Y. admn file data. Per Batavia NY deeds she was of Syracuse, N.Y. 1869, 1874; Of Toledo, Ohio in 1878 per deed 145/319 transferring NY interests to her brother
#451 Ganson B. Holton of Chicago. She also was of "Toledo, Lucas County, Ohio 9-14-1881 per deed 152/566 BUT IT WAS NOW CHANGED IN
Iowa, Winnebagoshiek County WINNESHIEK COUNTY, IOWA on date (get at Batavia).

#451 GANSON B.(Bray?) HOLTON born 11-16-1851((the oldest brother he had was #454 John born Nov. 1849 as 7/12th yr old in 1850 Batavia census. #453 John "Jr" born 10-29-1859 dead at 1878
530holt per Batavia deed 145/319)). Ganson Holton was of Milwaukee,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin per 4/1/1874 deed 140/320; was of Chicago, Illinois 1878 per
Wisconsin 145/319 deed; He & wife MARY _____ Holton of Chicago 9-14-1881
CHICAGO, Ill per 152/566 deed . BUT IT WAS NOW CHANGED on date _____(get)
BLUE EARTH COUNTY, MT_____? in BLUE EARTH COUNTY/MINNESOTA I don't know his
MINNESOTA occupation but it must have required travel

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Respectfully Yours,

James Wilbur Clayton, 29 Johnson Rd., West Orange,
descendants of # 333 John B(Bray?) Holton born NJ1816 per 1850 Batavia
N.Y. Census, in which also were his father John # 231 Holton born 1784 NJ
and a blacksmith, also wife #333 Catherine B. Elizabeth Runyon Holton born
NY 1823, and daughter Theodosia born 1830. After death of #333 John B(ray)
Holton his widow remarried, to Mr. ? Peuber of Batavia, and she was
alive at 4-11-1881 per Batavia deed 152/397. Alive 189____

STATE OR COUNTY
As to # 332 Reune B Holton, or RUMA B., I have a memo (from Charles J. Denzer's Batavia, N.Y. deed abstracts in Holton notebook or on loose leaf work sheets) that a Reune R. Holton & wife Linda M. was of Batavia per 1840 & 1845 deeds; also 1855; of Alexander, N.Y. 1850 ,)) SUBLITT.
ILLINOIS, _____ County, ILLINOIS on 6-1-1861 (was Reune B #332 but they
SUBLITT may be two different parties.
Birmingham, #334 ISAAC Holton, born circa 1818 (on presumption the ad min-
Michigan istration papers of Isabella #231 Holton listed her children in age order
was of Birmingham, Michigan per the June 1 & 25, adurn file of Isabella
what county would this & other places mentioned be in? A town of one name
in 1861 might have had the name changed a couple of times, etc.
SOLON, # 335 Egbert Mortimer Holton presumed born about 1820 and wife
Michigan Ann Eliza were of Cedar Creek, Michigan 6-1-1861 (in Attica, N.Y. 1854)
KentCounty and of SOLON, Kent County, Michigan 1-14-1862 per Batavia, Genessee
County, NY deed 109/51. Latter acknowledged before Nicholas R. Hill, J.P.
Milton, #339 Isabella Elizabeth (Mrs. ?) Colegrove was of Milton, Wis-
Wisconsin, consin per June 1861 adurn petetion for her mothers estate. Home
_ County of husband not known. She presumed born about 1823, as a guess.
#340 Mary Holton (Mrs. ____?) Patterson, presumed born 1824,
Mattsburg, was of Mattsburg, Erie County, Pennsylvania per June 1861 adurn
Erie Co., Pa petetion for her mother's (Isabella # 231 Holton) estate.
Lake, Ohio #336 Theodosia Holton(Mrs. ____?) Horton was born 1830 per
1850 Batavia census, and since at home is presumed to be the youngest, is listed here as short item, & Nancy Twist is lengthy:
Lake, Ohio Theododia D/. Holton, married after 1850 census to Mr. Horton,
was of Lake post office, Ohio per 1861 adurn petetion.
520holton #341 Nancy Holton (Mrs ____?) TWIST "died in Wisconsin" per Ju
notebook 1861 adurn petetion of Isabella #231 Holton, and names her children
6 in number of whom the first 3 (Salorn; Hannah; and Isabella Twist
516holt sign (single, all Twist) 9/2/1863 Warsaw, Wyoming County, NY deed
s 47/203 via their attorney #333 John B. Holton for transfer to Ira
Farnham. As to what happened to the other 3 children named in the
June 1861 Warsaw, Wyoming County, NY petetion for adurn of Isabella
231 Holton's estate (namely Olive Twist ; Emily Twist ; and
the only boy SANDFORD TWIST I know not.. At a future date if Mr.
Denzer get's to Warsaw, county seat of Wyoming County in which Attica
was or is, N.Y., he will examine transfers to Ira Farnham in the hope
that they executed deeds direct to him that will give location, and
COUNTY LOCATION date.

In New Jersey, the State and cooperating Historical and Genealogical groups or individuals have also published abstracts of these early day wills and administrations, from the early 1670 to year 1817. This makes easier searching for early branches of a family that remained in New Jersey but it was from here & other seaboard states that the frontier was settled by migrations.

Any data you can furnish me, or the county in which any of the above named checked towns or places are presently located, will be a reciated, as well as any schedule of costs, etc., in connection with abstracts from those records that will show when and who were and when lived the parties to the wills or administration, and ditto for their children named in the will or case file.

I'm a member of the Genealogical Society of New Jersey, and if any one reading this would care to, the dues are only $5.— per year and it's address is The Genealogical Society of New Jersey, Box 203, Newark, N.J.

Likewise, the Historical Society of New Jersey, 230 Broadway, Newark, N.J., would welcome you as a member of that Society.

Respectfully Yours,
I am,

James Wilbur Clayton
born 8031-1905, at Silverton, Toms River, Ocean County, N.J.; I'm a CPA of NY & NJ, a Chief Municipal Accountant of the Town of West Orange

Edwin Walker Tanner,
29 Johnson Road
West Orange, N.J. 9-29-59

DESCENDANTS OF REV. REUNE RUNYON Jr. Nov. 29,1741 Died Nov1.,1811 per
ref. his tombstone 100 feet East of St. James Episcopal Church, on Wood-
pg.# bridge Ave.,Piscataway (Edison Twp.), N.J.,(Per Mr.Arthur L.Stokes of
144 RD # 1,Princeton,N.J., from "Rev. Jas. F.Brown's History of the First
Baptist Church of Piscataway, page 31,he born Nov. 29,1741, son of Reune
Runyon & Rachel Drake. He married Miss Anne Bray in 1765." he also
sends,"Benedict's Hist. of New Brunswick, Pg. 346,"Rev. Reune Runyon born
73 1741 married Ann Bray." Tombstone says " Aged 71"

In his will, dated 10-21-1811 "Of Piscataway,Mdx. Co",proved 12-7-1811
he names wife Ann and children Nancy Drake:Rachel Dayton: Reune B(ray?)
Daniel B(ray);Matilda Tanner; and Isabel Holton (Will is easily avail-
able in the New Jersey Archives books of wills, at most libraries; they
are now abstracted (from originals required to be at Trenton) to yr 1815)

AND HIS WIFE ANN BRAY (Mrs. Reune) RUNYON JR. (Anne elsewhere)
Born on date _____? at place _____? Married on date 1765
Presumably the one flaked off headstone beside the above Rev.Reune Run-
yon's in above Piscataway Churchyard, at 7/30/59. My Genealogical Soc.
of N.J. magazines don't go back far enough to show if that Society ever
copied her stone's data before it flaked off. I'd appreciate it if known

She the daughter of Daniel Bray , whose Liber 37 pg 328 will, per
N.J.Archives Vol.35 pg 57, describes self "of Piscataway Twp.", is
114 dated 5-19-1778, was proved 3-17-1785, and names sons John and James
and son in law Ruena Runyon, and also grandsons Daniel Runyon and
Joseph West.

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104 DESCENDANTS OF MATILDA RUNYON (Mrs. ?)TANNER
Born ? (about 1790?) Died about May 1, 1863 Buried at ?
Married to? husband's name not now known, can you supply it?
Married before 1819? " born ? died ? buried at ?
her Union County,N.J. will A/571 dated 6-3-1858 says,"me, Matilda Tan-
ner of the City of Perth Amboy", proved 5-20-1863in Union County (I
don't know how she had a Union County will), and names

Son James of Woodbridge , Mdx. Co buried at ?
he born ? Married (Jerusha?) _____in year _____?
his wife born died in yr buried at
His children, if any, not now known.

Son Joseph of Perth Amboy as Executor
he born ? Married to ? on date (before1849)
and buried at ? He may be the Joseph Tanner listed in
Middlesex County deaths at Trenton (born about 1819) (ref. AG479)
as " Joseph Tanner, age 44, at Plainfield,N.J., married, died
Aug. 4, 1863 (which would be 3 months after the death of (his?
mother?) Matilda Runyon Tanner)

Deceased daughter Mary Ann (Mrs. ?) Taylor, and her children
born ~~lived at~~ married to on date
lived at died on date at place buried at

EMELINE (Mrs. ?) WILSON
MARY ANN TAYLOR
MATILDA TAYLOR
SARAH (SARAH ANN?) TAYLOR
ELIZA TAYLOR
AND ROSETTA TAYLOR, and distributes lands in Perth Amboy among them
the children of daughter Mary Ann Taylor to take mother's share.

/////////// (for"buried at", give name,& location in cem.)

99 mgs CORNELIA M. TANNER'S DESCENDANTS
Born 1846 to 1850, at Married David Bolton Oct. 1875 at New-
83 ark, N.J.---Per Trenton ref. BP 240 marriages ref "Cornelia M. Tan-
ner, age 26, dau of Joseph (Tanner),single, and Daniel (the vid writ-
ten looks like niu and is referenced as Daniel) Bolton, age 24,single,
carpenter, son of Daniel & Hester (Esther elsewhere), r sidence Newark.
married Oct. 1875 at Newark by Clergyman Geo. M. Boynton."
CORNELIA MATILDA TANNER (Mrs, David) BOLTON died about January 7?,
1920 on 25-30 acre farm at present RyersonRd-Boulevard,Lincoln Park.
Buried?at? David Bolton born died 7-4-1903 at Lincoln Park,NJ

101 Eugenia,dau of David & Cornelia Bolton born 9-8-1877 in East Orange per CO233
died at New Providence 6- -1955 or 6,buried Pompton Plains. Married
Thomas Ryerson 1873?to 1917? had sons Douglas B. 1902 #Jane
(~~Donald~~ George (III);Donald) and Thomas Russel Ry. 1904 #Helen
73,83 (Robert; Barbara)

91 Herbert Lee Bolton,son of David & Cornelia M. born 9-27-1879 at 168 Bellevill
ave.,Newark # Rachel Roome Ryerson 1876 to 6-4-1909 Anna Bowne d. 1934
139 had children:Cornelia Dewitt 4-9-1906#Harold Vanderhoof(Elizabeth Ellen 193
cem Doris Iverson 1934) and Rachel Ryerson 7-30-1902 # Kenneth Zeliff (they
had dau Jacqueline Mae 2-13-1925 # William Tredway ,,who have children
David born & Donna born)

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James Wilbur Clayton,
29 Johnson Road, West Orange

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(A.L.Stokes of RD/1 Princeton sends" Rev.Jas.F.Brown History of 1st Bapt.Ch.of Piscataway.P8 31 says born Nov.29,1741,son of Reune Runyon & Rachel Drake Drake. He Married Miss Anne Bray in 1765"

Also,"Benedict's Hist.of New Brunswick,Pg 346"Rev.Reune Runyon born 1741 married Ann Bray"

DESCENDANTS OF Rev. REUNE RUNYON Born about 1740
Died Nov. 1,1811 per tombstone 100 feet East of St.James Episcopal Church, Woodbridge Ave., Piscataway town (Edison tp),N.J.
(he son of Vincent Runyon?)
Married at ____ about 1765
(Dau Nancy Drake 1766-5-4 1839

Wife ANN BRAY (Mrs. Rev. Reune) RUNYON-Born about ____ ?
Married at _____ about 1765,as1766 dau Nancy born
died _____? after her husband, as his will dated 10-21-1811 proved 12-7-1811 (New Jersey Archives books)"of Piscataway,Mdx. Co," names wife Ann; children Nancy Drake; Rachel Dayton; Reune B.;(Rev) Daniel B(ray)Runyon; Matilda Tanner; & Isabel Holt
Her(?) tombstone ,beside him, has flaked off-Have you any data copied before it flaked off, that can give us death
(she Dau. of Daniel Bray, whose Liber 37/pg 328 will "Of
73 Piscataway Twp.," dated 5-19-1778 proved3-17-1785 (New
114 Jersey Archives books Vol 35 pg 57) names sons John & James and son in law Ruena Runyon, grandsons Daniel Runyon & Jos West)

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104 Descendants of MATILDA RUNYON (Mrs. _____?) TANNER
Born _____ about _____ 1790?
Union Co.Will Book A pg 571 Died about May 1,1863 (Will A/571 proved5-20-1863,dated6-3-18
Married(before 1819?____) at _____?
Name of husband_____not now known
Buried at____? " " "
104 Her will, "dated June 3,1858"me, Matilda Tanner of the City of Perth Amboy.." Names son James of Woodbridge,Mdx. Co
(Wife Jerusha___?) " Born _____ lived at____ Married to____
_____ died _____at_____buried at
names son Joseph of Perth Amboy as exr:
names children of deceased daughter Mary Ann (Mrs.____?) Taylor
as follows: Emeline (Mrs. ?) Wilson
Mary Ann Taylor
Matilda Taylor
Saran (Sarah Ann?) Taylor
Eliza Taylor
and Rosetta Taylor and distributes lands in Perth Amboy among
104 them,etc. (The name of their father is at present not known)
(At present not too much is known of the above,except Joseph)

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Descendants of above JOSEPH TANNER, son of Matilda Runyon &_____Tanner
Born_____? Probably the Joseph Tanner, born Circa 1819 who is the one
99Mgs listed in Trenton Middlesex deaths ~~as~~ AG 479 as "Joseph Tanner age 44, at Plainfield, N.J., Married" died Aug 4, 1863 at Plainfield
Married to_____? on or about date of 1848 as daughter
Cornelia M. Tanner was born about 1849 or 1850
Residence in 1850 Census _____? Probably Perth Amboy or (Which?) Plainfield
Buried at?_____Name of Cemetery desired . Location in cemetery?
Name of Wife was_____not now known
She born_____ probably about 1820
daughter of_____?
Date _____ and place_____ of marriage if known or heard
date of death_____ and where died
buried at_____in _____ name of cemetery, & location in cemetery

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Per Trenton marriages Cornelia M. Tanner, age 26 dau of ~~[illegible]~~ (BP 240) ~~[illegible]~~
83 ~~Will [illegible]~~
83 ~~Daniel Bolton~~, Joseph (Tanner),single, and Daniel (the vid written to look like niu ani is referenced as Daniel) Bolton, age 24,single,carpenter, son of Daniel & Hester (Bolton),residence Newark,married October _____1875 at Newark, N.J. by Clergyman Geo.L.Boynton;
101 Eugenia, dau of D.Bolton, born 9-8-1877,in East Orange,d. of David & Cornelia Bolton per births record " CO-237"
83,91 (Herbert Lee added 1-13-1942) Bolton,per ref. 19-36-868 of 1878 to 1
73 births was born 9-27-1879 at 168 Belleville Ave., Newark,N.J. son of David age 29 born England, & Cornelia M.Tanner, one previous child & still living,:by D.M.Bri,M.D.,541 Orange St
Eugenia ,above, born 9-8-1877,died_____ buried _____marrieed Thomas Ryerson Born_____ Died_____(buried Pompton Plains,N.J. Cem?)had sons Douglas B(olton?) born 1905- & Thomas Russell born____
Herbert Lee Bolton above ,alive,in his plot in Cemetery at Pompton Pl
139Cem)ains the stone reads "David Bolton died 7-4-1903 :Rachel R.(B)died 6-4-19
had chn Cornelia #Harold Vanderhoof; Rachel # Kenneth Zeliff,chn of Rachel
DeWitt Ryerson

The TANNER branch of the descendants of #5 Daniel Bray (3-28-1716 Will "of Piscataway" Mdx. Co, N.J. proved 3-17-1785 & wife Miss Martin; He a son of
1 Rev. John Bray who died about 1716 & Anna Seabrook (Mrs. Andrew) Bowne Sr

James Wilbur Clayton,
29 Johnson Road, West Orange, N.J.

item refer... #

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Dear Folks:

I'm sending this letter to you in the hope that you will or may be able to help me in securing data on the name of the wife of Joseph TANNER ((son of Matilda Runyon (Mrs. James) Tanner, Matilda Runyon Tanner ~~and the~~ ~~#2x~~ was the daughter of Rev. Reune 4 Runyon Jr born 3-29-1741 died 11-21-1811
763 buried St. James, Piscataway, married by 6-8-1765 license to Anne (Anna)
853 Bray (dau. of Daniel of Piscataway whose will was proved 3-17-1785) born 1743 died 7-11-1816 in her 73rd year. (Vol 3 Stillwell Pg 113 & Ora E. Monnette)
103 Matilda Tanner in her will dated 6/13/1858 when she lived at Perth Amboy, proved 5-20-1863m Union County Will Book A pg 571, named son James Tanner living (1858) in Woodbridge; son Joseph Executor; and chn. of deceased daughter Mary Ann (Mrs.) Taylor as Emeline (Mrs.) Wilson; Mary Ann ; Matilda; Sarann; and Rosetta Taylor. Left them specific properties (to each child); mentioned money to be received (1858) from estate of (her Uncle) John Bray lately (1834) of New Brunswick, and left any residuary estate to her son Joseph Ta ner of Perth Amboy.

Per Ora E. Monnette's Early Families of Piscataway, page 1217, and Matil-
763 da Runyon born 1784 ((dau of Reune (Rev. Jr) of 4th Generation; of Reune 3; of Vincent 2 Jr; son of Vincent 1 Runyon (Rugnion; Runion;) of Poitiers, France) who died 12-1-1713, married 7-17-1668 at Elizabethtown to Ann Boucher per Runyon Genealogy collected by Samuel Stelle Smith of 10 Valentine St., Monmouth Beach, N.J.)), ...Matilda Runyon born 1784 married 18__ at place __ to JAMES TANNER and had childr n Joseph: Benjamin (not mentioned in mothers
103 will dated 6-3-1858 proved Union County, N.J. May 20, 1863, Union Surrogate's case file # 464) Will book A p age 571)): Ann (undoubtedly Mary Ann Wilson dau. named as deceased at time of will): Reune (not named): and Joseph Tanner. The above does not name Matilda's son James whom she named in her A/571 will as then (6-3-1858) of Woodbridge Twp., Mdx. Co) James & wf. Jerusha 1865 of State

I have not been able to find when & where Matilda ~~died~~ Runyon (Mrs. James) Tanner died or is buried. Perhaps an old newspaper of the time may give
99mg it. As to her son Joseph Tanner, per a study of Union County Surrogate
160 case file # 480 (Cornelia M. Tanner of Newark, a minor of 14 years, Andrew LeMassina of Newark, N.J. made Guardian), ~~and of Case File # 483 of~~
162 which case began Aug. 15, 1863; and of Case file # 483 of Estate of Joseph Tanner, deceased intestate, where on 8/18/1863 "James Tanner, brother of Joseph Tanner who died intestate" renounces administration in favor of Andrew Lemassina". The family of another branch of the LeMassina's says there was some relationship between Andrew LeMassina and the Tanner's but don't know what it was or the name of Cornelia Matilda Tanner (Mrs. David) Bolton.

IT IS TO FIND O T THE NAME OF THE WIFE OF JOSEPH TANNER, WHO WOULD BE THE MOTHER OF Cornelia Matilda Tanner (Mrs. David) Bolton 1848 or9 ~~died~~ died 1-14-1920 at Lincoln Park, Morris County, N.J., that I'm writing you.

As to Joseph Tanner, (who was the executor of his mother Matilda Runyon (Mrs. James) Tanner 1784-1863) who was Union County Case File # 483 above,
99mg he is undoubtedly the same one who per Trenton Vital Statistics death item AG 479 that runs, "...Joseph Tanner, died Aug. 4, 1863, age 44, male, married,
159 at Plainfield....". When Joseph Tanner was sworn in on May 20, 1863 as the executor of Matilda Tanner of Union Case # 464, he signed the MSS in the case file as..." Joseph Tanner -- Plainfield, N.J. Sworn to before me at Elizabeth May 20th, 1863, Rob't S. Green, Surrogate.."

295 The relationship is made more certain by a Middlesex County deed
302 155/87 dated 8-5-1875 from Cornelia M. Tanner, single, of Newark, N.J. to Thomas
index Murray of Perth Amboy of part of 7-29-1857 James Gibson to Matilda Tanner deed (Bk 75/424?) property " ..of which the said Matilda Tanner died seized in 1863 (and) of which the said Cornelia M. Tanner has right as sole and only heir of Joseph Tanner lately of Plainfield, Union County, N.J. to whom it was devised in the last will & testament of Matilda Tanner, deceased..." /dau of
BP240 Cornelia M (Matilda) Tanner, born 1848 or 9, married at Newark, N.J. in Oct. /Jos
83mg 1875 (age 26) to David Bolton (age 24) son of Daniel & Hester. She died 1-14-1920; David died 7-4-1903; Buried Pompton Plains Cem. Their dau. Eugenia born
101mg 9-8-1877 per East Orange, N.J. births CO-233; Per Newark births Boo C g 135
73 Herbert Lee Bolton born 9-27-1879 (Trenton ref. 19-36-B68) at 168 Belville Ave.
91mgs to David Bolton & Cornelia M. Tanner (both age 29) Bolton. ~~Eugenia died~~ Cornelia
148 M. Tanner (Mrs. David) Bolton died 1-14-1920, is Morris County Will book U2/262 ~~Eugenia Bolton (Mrs. Thomas~~ David Bolton died 7/4/1903 per Morris County
151 Will C2/515 probate c2/517. Eugenia Bolton (Mrs. Thomas M.) Ryerson died 6-24-
156 1955, is Union Co. Will I7/204; Thomas Mandeville Ryerson died 11-13-1914 & is
154 Passaic Will Q2/506. Herbert Lee Bolton is living at Lincoln Park, N.J., is chipper and cheerful. Theodore W. Lemassena of 27½ Wakeman Ave., Newark, born 7-11-1871, from whom I got much data, is also well and cheerful.

B25 Trusting you can help me outin my search for the maiden name of the mother
Pg 25 of Cornelia Matilda Tanner (Mrs. David) Bolton, I remain, respectfully Yours,

(Memo
Douglass B. Ryerson of 969 Springfield Ave., New Providence, Union County, N.J., (Ref.
son and executor
of Eugenia Bolton (Mrs. Thomas Mandeville) Ryerson under her Union
County Will I 7/ pg. 204 proved Aug. 2, 1955, who was in turn a child and heir of Cornelia 156
Matilda Tanner (Mrs. David) Bolton of Lincoln Park, N.J., under the latter's Morris
County Will U2/282 proved April 20, 1920, 148

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which Cornelia M. Tanner in turn was a child and heir of Joseph Tanner "late of Plainfield, N.J." (161)
per his Union County Case # 483 (Andrew Lemassina of Newark, N.J. made Administrator 8-24-1863)
and her Union County Guardian Case # 480 (Andrew Lemassina made guardian 8-15-1863) (160)
and her Middlesex County deed 155/87 dated 8-5-1875 transferring Perth Amboy property (295, 5801)
as heir of "...Joseph Tanner lately of Plainfield, N.J.", who received it under the 1863
Union County Will A/571 (his mother) of Matilda (Runyon) Tanner and which Joseph
Tanner is probably (believed to be) the one who died "at Plainfield, N.J. on 8-4-1863 age 44 married" (99mgs)
per Union County #G479 deaths at Trenton.

Which Joseph Tanner was child and heir (and executor) of Matilda (Runyon) Tanner
of Union County Surrogate Case file # 464, proved whose Will A/ 571 dated 6-3-1858 (103)
(both therein named as of Perth Amboy) was proved 5-20-1863 by " Joseph Tanner of Plain- (159)
field", and which will A/571 recites therein money receivable..."from the estate of John Bray
lately
of New Brunswick", (who was the brother of her sister (and brother in law Rev.) Mrs. Reune & Ann
(NJArch.1811)
(Bray) Runyon per Reune Runyon's Middlesex Will (file #10316L) proved 12-7-1811, and the
will proved 3-17-1785 (37/328 Mdx. Trenton) of Daniel Bray, father of said John Bray) (NJA1785

Which Matilda (Runyon) Tanner was named as one of several residuary legatees in the (114)
Will D pg 2 (1874)
will of John Bray of New Brunswick, Middlesex Surrogate File Case # 1628, proved 5-2-1834
dated 1-16-1834
and therein recited as.... "and to. Nancy, Rachael, Reune, Daniel Bray Matilda and Isabel (1880)
the children of my deceased sister (died 7-11-1816) the remaining 5/8ths thereof.." Ann
having 7 children one of whom Vincent (full name?) had his inventory sworn to 12-7-1811 on the
same day his father Reune Runyon's will was proved.

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Per Trenton, N.J. marriages BP 240 Daniel (David per exam of MSS) Bolton age 24 single (83mgs)
Son of Daniel & Hester, carpenter, and Cornelia M. Tanner, age 26, single dau of Joseph were
married at Newark Oct. 17 1875 by Clergyman Geo. M. Boynton referenced # 352 (138)
Per East Orange Births, Essex County, N.J. CO-233, on 9-8-1877 Eugenia was born (101 mgs)
to David & Cornelia Bolton, carpenter, residence East Orange, N.J.
Per Newark, N.J. births 19-36-B68 Trenton, & C 135 Newark, Herbert Lee Bolton was (73, 83, 91
born 9-27-1879 at 168 Belville Ave, Newark, parents David Bolton age 29 born England, marriages
clerk, and maiden name of mother Cornelia M. Tanner, one previous child, one living, by 91
Dr. D.M.Bri of 541 Orange St., Newark

John Bray, Born about 1740? (sister Ann Runyon born 1743 died 1765 died 7-11-1816
?" in 73rd year") died between Codicil of 4-25-1834 and will proving on May 8, 1834 114
Matilda Runyon Tanner, born about ? 1790 ? married _____ Tanner ; she lived at
Perth Amboy at her will dated 6-3-1858 (probably with son Joseph also of Perth Amboy then)
date of and place of death not yet known, or burial place either.
Joseph Tanner, son & Executor of Matilda Tanner, born about 1819; married prior
or about 1848 to ? (believed a relative of the Lemassina's), died 8-4-1863 (99mgs)
His place of burial is not now known.
Cornelia Matilda Tanner born about 1849 or 1850 at Married David Bolton Oct. 1875
died 1-14-1920 at Lincoln Park (Present Ryerson Road, Randolph, Boulevard area). David Bolton
died born 1848-1849, died 7-4-1900, buried Trenton Plains, N.J. cem. His Morris 02/515 will, 1878 (151
Eugenia Bolton (Ryerson) born 9-8-1877 at East Orange, N.J. died at New Providence 6-24-1955
married Thomas Mandeville Ryerson born 1861 died 11-13-1914 at Wayne, N.J., both are
buried at Pompton Plains, N.J.

Copy

James Wilbur Clayton,
29 Johnson Road, West Orange, N.J.,
Feb. 9, 1960

Robert Runyon,
P.O. Box 11,
Brownsville, Texas
(812 E. Charles St.)

Dear Mr. Runyon:

Enclosed please find my check # 482 for $4.50 for which please send to me at the above address your " Runyon Genealogy of the Runyon Families who settled early in Kentucky, North Carolina, Virginia, and West Virginia- By Robert Runyon and Amos Runyon" of P.O. Box 99, Belfry, Kentucky.

I'm indebted to Samuel Stelle Smith of 10 Valentine St., Monmouth Beach, Monmouth County, N.J. for knowledge of you, as he forwarded to me your letter of last 12/4/59. I saw him shortly after the late Nov. 1959 annual meeting of the N.J. State Genealogical Society (held at Rutgers Library, New Brunswick, N.J.) on the matter of the Runyon Family, of which I was tracing s/ the descendants of Rev. Reune Runyon Jr & Sr (Nov. 29, 1741 died Nov. 1, 1811) buried Piscataway, Middlesex County, N.J. 2 miles N.E. of New Brunswick, N.J.. Rev. (Baptist) Reune Runyon of Piscataway married Ann (Anne, Anne) Bray 1765. She born 1743 died 7-11-1816 in 73rd year, & named in Rev. Reune's will proved 1811. Her father Daniel Bray of Piscataway Twp, Mdx. Co., N.J. & whose will dated 5-199177S was proved in Mdx. Co. 3-17-1785 & named sons James (Rev. War Captain died 1792), John (Judge, also Rev. War) died New Brunswick, N.J. about 4-28-1834, May 1834 will proved), & son in law Ruena Runyon .

I'm enclosing 16 legal size ditto copies of letters used in pursuing my quest, the most current work being the letters to the Sec. of State; County Clerk & Town Clerk of the Holtons (one of their children Isabella Runyon (Mrs #231 John) Holton 1784 died Attica, Wyoming Co., N.Y. 9-28-1858 as you'll see, & per N.Y. State deeds her descendants scatteded along the lakes all the way to Minnesota & Wisconsin & way points.

Mr. Stelle has voluminous records. He also has copies or ptints of the old Piscataway Town records, and that's about as authoritative as any one source, for they used it much as we'd use a newspaper (Rev. Reune's father, & possibly he himself was Town Clerk there 1750 on.

2 weeks ago I left my Runyon descent chart book (copied from Mr. Stelle's main basic family outline chart) with a Runyon descendant on County Line Road, Lakewood, Ocean County, N.J. (Mrs. Albert Wainwright) so I can't refer to it now, but I'm pretty certain there was an Isaac Runyon in it, about 6 generations down from Vincent Rugnion (spelled family names several ways, like many families) of Poitiers, France, as I recall.

I'll close, & get on with some work on the Skidmore family of Central Jersey There are so many early families of the seaboard who drop completely out of sight. A party in Virginia wrote a couple of weeks ago about a Rev. War soldier (N.J. born) William Clayton (from 1943 data sent to Congressional Library on entering Navy). It may be a William Clayton I recall from a legacy left to one William Clayton "who has gone to the Western Country" & hadn't been heard of, & if no word in a certain time legacy to some one else. Iasked her to tell me more about the William.

I'll close. I'm typing this on ditto, to permit saving any data of value &c, including your address. Have you made provision for leaving your family research papers to some library or research center should you & Amos be called untimely from these parts? If so, where or to whom?

Best Regards, Respectfully Yours,

cc Samuel Stelle Smith

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